

Chunking of Tests/Exams - Student Guide

What is the chunking accommodation?

Chunking is when a test/exam is given to a student in 2-3 chunks or sections. The student must take the remaining chunks or sections of the test/exam within the same day (original test date) with up to 1-hour break between sections. During this time, the student will remain in the Test Centre for “on-site” tests, and in the case of distance students, stay in camera view during their break.

Please note: a doctor’s note is required to reschedule the test/exam or for the test/exam to be over 48 hours in case of a “flare-up” (see below for definition).

Flare-up

1. An exacerbation of a chronic disease.
2. a situation in which someone suddenly has problems because of a disease or illness after not having any problems for a long time.

Sometimes referred to as a flare-up, a flare occurs when symptoms of a disease that has been present for a time suddenly worsen. A flare is a transient worsening in severity of a disease or condition that eventually subsides or lessens. For example, in many arthritis conditions the joints can flare with worsening of stiffness, pain, and swelling.

What should I do if a flare-up occurs?

If a student using a Chunking Accommodation becomes ill or experiences a flare-up of their condition and cannot complete the test/exam, they must immediately inform the invigilator or faculty and turn in the opened sections of their test/exam. The opened sections of the test/exam will be handed to the faculty for grading. Any unopened sections of the test/exam that are turned in to the invigilator will be returned to the faculty for the student to complete at a later scheduled time. The student must obtain a doctor’s note to be able to schedule the completion of the remaining test/exam sections.

What are my responsibilities as a student?

- Adhere to all Testing Center policies and procedures while taking the test/exam. Ask the invigilator if you have any questions or need clarification.
- Sign in and sign out at the beginning and the end of each test/exam and before and after taking each break.
- Track your testing and break times. Ask the invigilator if you are unaware of your allotted testing and break time.
- Turn in all cellphones/ electronic devices before the start of the test/exams unless they have been previously approved for use during the test/exam as an accommodation. Electronic devices cannot be used during break time unless approved as an accommodation.
- Communicate with the invigilator if you cannot complete the test/exam due to a flare-up/illness and turn in all testing materials before leaving the testing site.