

## **Vermont Comprehensive Assessment Program Medical Exemption Guidance: ELA, Math, Science, ACCESS 2.0, VTPEA, VTAA, Alt-VTPEA**

[The Medical Exemption Request form](#) is required for schools/school districts to request an exemption from state mandated assessments. This form is not required for privately funded, out-of-state, homeschooled, international, or visiting students from another state. Please note under federal rules test exemptions are only permitted for medical emergencies that prevent the student from being tested for the entire assessment window, including days reserved for make-up administrations. **This form should not be used to address caregiver or student opt-out requests.**

The Agency of Education advises schools/districts to schedule testing nearer the start of the testing window to allow time, in most cases, for makeup testing. Medical exemption should only be requested after all possible and appropriate efforts have been made to provide an equitable assessment opportunity to the student. **This form must be submitted prior to May 15**, in all cases where the medical emergency presents itself prior to this date, to allow for consideration and follow up communication prior to the end of the testing window. Those who submit the medical exemption form can expect to receive communication from the Agency of Education within two business days of submission.

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