

Topic: Pearson VUE Policies and Procedures

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Question: *Why does Pearson VUE not offer testing in some countries, or to certain individuals?*

Detailed Info: Due to U.S. government economic and trade sanctions, Pearson VUE cannot administer exams to candidates from the following countries:

- Cuba * (see note below)
- Iran ** (see note below)

Additional restrictions also place limitations on providing testing to certain specially designated individuals elsewhere in the world. A candidate may be blocked from registering for exams as a result of these restrictions (although this is very rare).

Answer: The countries listed above are subject to economic and trade sanctions administered and enforced by the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC). These sanctions prohibit any U.S. company from exporting goods and services to these countries, or doing business with their foreign nationals. Detailed information about these sanctions can be found at www.ustreas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac.

Pearson VUE is a U.S. company and must comply with these laws everywhere tests are delivered worldwide. We do not operate test centers in sanctioned countries, nor can we provide testing to prospective candidates who primarily reside in any of these countries (except as noted below). As a result, these countries do not appear as an option in the Country list when registering a candidate's address information.

ID from sanctioned countries - During the admissions process candidates are required to present identification to the test administrator. If a candidate presents primary or secondary identification from one of the above countries during the admissions process, in most cases there are additional steps before t be allowed to test. *Other than the exceptions noted below, **the candidate will be required to provide proof of primary residence in a country that is not subject to U.S. sanctions.** Otherwise the candidate is presumed ineligible to test and would be turned away.*

Exceptions

- ** Cuba: At test centers in the United States and its territories, candidates presenting Cuban ID may be admitted without any restrictions. At all other test centers, the candidate must provide proof of primary residence in a country that is not subject to U.S. sanctions.*
- *** Iran: GMAC and AMC have licenses to administer their exams to persons who reside in Iran. GMAT and AMC candidates with Iranian passports may be admitted according to the standard admissions process. All other candidates must provide proof of primary residence in a country that is not subject to U.S. sanctions.*

Registration blocks - On extremely rare occasions a candidate who has tested in the past may be blocked from making further exam registrations. Registration blocks can occur because of a violation of test security, credit card fraud, a request from the exam sponsor, or because of economic and trade sanctions enforced against specially designated individuals. If a candidate believes he or she has been blocked , he/she should contact the Pearson VUE call center for further information.