

MCAGCC TWENTYNINE PALMS

Education Center — Testing Services

Military Examinations Preparation Guide

1. About Our Test Site

The MCAGCC Twentynine Palms Education Center is an authorized Marine Corps Test Facility for military classification and language examinations. We administer the Armed Forces Classification Test (AFCT), the Defense Language Aptitude Battery (DLAB), and the Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT) in support of active duty and reserve service members across all branches.

Testing is conducted in a dedicated, secure testing environment in accordance with MCO 1230.5C.

2. Testing Schedule

All exams are administered on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Report no later than the start of your scheduled testing window. Late arrivals may not be admitted depending on the examination.

Exam	Test Days	Testing Hours
AFCT	Tuesday & Thursday	0800 – 1330
DLAB	Tuesday & Thursday	0800 – 1330
DLPT	Tuesday & Thursday	0800 – 1100

Note: Once you begin the AFCT or DLAB, it must be completed in its entirety within the same working day unless extenuating circumstances exist (per MCO 1230.5C).

3. How to Schedule Your Exam

Contact the Education Center to schedule your test appointment before your test date. Walk-ins are not accepted.

Phone: 760.830.6881

Email: plmsppd@usmc.mil

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday: 0730 – 2200, Friday: 0730 - 1630

Location: Building 1530, Sixth Street, Twentynine Palms, CA

When scheduling, please provide your name, rank, branch, EDIPI, exam type requested, and preferred test date. AFCT retest requests must include command authorization prior to scheduling.

4. What to Bring on Test Day

Required Item	Details
Military ID	Valid CAC or military ID card
Command Authorization Letter (AFCT)	Required for ALL AFCT retests (battalion/squadron level)
Uniform	Uniform of the day (all branches)
Appointment Confirmation	Bring confirmation of your scheduled test date

Important: Failure to present required documentation will result in your test appointment being cancelled. You will need to reschedule.

5. Exam Descriptions

Armed Forces Classification Test (AFCT)

The AFCT is the in-service equivalent of the ASVAB, used by DoD to reclassify enlisted personnel. Scores determine MOS eligibility and other assignment opportunities. All AFCT retests require approved command authorization at the battalion or squadron level which is submitted via the My Navy Education Portal.

- Retesting is not permitted earlier than 6 months from the most recent retest, unless a waiver authorized.
- A maximum of two AFCT administrations are allowed within a 12-month period.
- Marines must be in the appropriate uniform of the day.

Defense Language Aptitude Battery (DLAB)

The DLAB measures a service member's potential to learn a foreign language and is used to determine eligibility for language school training. It is required for Marines with 02XX/26XX PMOSs and is encouraged for all personnel considering language-related assignments.

- Retesting is not authorized earlier than 180 calendar days (6 months) from the previous administration without prior CMC (MPP-50) approval.

Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT)

The DLPT assesses a service member's proficiency in a foreign language, including listening and reading modalities. Scores are used to determine assignment eligibility and Foreign Language Proficiency Bonus (FLPB) qualification.

- Testing window: 0800 – 1100 (shorter window than AFCT/DLAB; plan accordingly).
- Retesting is not authorized earlier than 180 calendar days from the last administration (90 days for the very low range DLPT) without CMC (IOP) approval.
- Marines must recertify annually to maintain FLPB eligibility.

6. Driving Directions to Building 1530

From the Main Gate (Adobe Road), follow the directions below to reach the Education Center at Building 1530, Sixth Street:

1. Enter the installation through the Main Gate on Adobe Road.
2. Proceed straight on Adobe Road heading into the base.
3. Turn left onto Del Valley Drive.
4. Turn right onto Sixth Street.
5. Building 1530 will be on your left. Parking is available in the lot across from the building (next to Domino's Pizza)

Note: All visitors must have valid base access credentials (CAC or DBIDS). If you are a Reserve or sister-service member needing temporary base access, contact the Education Center in advance.

7. Study Resources & Academic Skills

The Education Center offers academic skills support and can connect you with DoD-approved preparation resources. Service members are encouraged to self-study prior to testing.

- Peterson's Online Academic Skills Course (DoD-approved): available through your installation education portal.
- ASVAB study guides are available through your local base library.
- Military Academic Skills Program (ASP): contact the Education Center for enrollment information.

Important: Marines are prohibited from using commercial test prep courses specifically designed to predict or improve AFCT scores (e.g., GT Predictor, GT Improvement, ASVAB Prep). Use only DoD-approved resources. See MCO 1230.5C for details.

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