OnVUE Technical Requirements for the Candidate

Corporate Networking Personnel should continue to page 4 for Advanced Networking Requirements.

Pearson strongly recommends using equipment that meets or exceeds the Recommended Specifications. The minimum requirements will change periodically based on the needs of our exam sponsors.

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<th>Operating System</th>
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<td>Windows 10 (64-bit) – (excluding ‘S Mode’)</td>
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<td>Windows 8.1 (64-bit) – (all editions except ‘RT’)</td>
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<td>macOS High Sierra (10.13) and above – (excluding beta versions)</td>
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<td>Note: macOS, starting with Mojave, now requires permission from the user to allow any hardware access to an application, which includes OnVUE (proctorapp). Candidates should be prompted to allow this application.</td>
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<th>Firewall</th>
<th>Corporate firewalls (including VPNs) or proxies often cause this delivery method to fail. We recommend testing on a personal computer. Work computers generally have more restrictions that may prevent successful delivery. Please take your exam in a setting without a corporate firewall.</th>
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<td>RAM</td>
<td>Minimum Resolution: 1024 x 768 in 16-bit color. Recommended Resolution: 1920 x 1080 or higher in 32-bit color.</td>
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<td>Supported Internet Browsers</td>
<td>The newest versions of Microsoft Edge, Safari, Chrome, and Firefox, for web registrations or downloading the secure browser.</td>
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Note: All touch screens are strictly forbidden.

Internet Connection

For optimal performance, a reliable and stable connection speed of 3 Mbps down/up is required.

We recommend testing on a wired network as opposed to a wireless network. If testing from home, ask others within the household to avoid internet use during your exam session.

Tethering to a mobile hotspot is explicitly prohibited.
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<td><strong>Webcam</strong></td>
<td>Webcam must have a <strong>minimum resolution of 640x480 @ 10 fps.</strong> Webcam may be</td>
<td>Note: Mobile phones are  strictly prohibited as a webcam for exam delivery.</td>
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<td>internal, or an external webcam connected to the computer. Note: Mac OS users</td>
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<td>Privacy settings for camera.</td>
<td>Note: Mac OS users may need to allow OnVUE within their System Preferences: Security &amp; Privacy: Privacy settings for microphone.</td>
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<td>**Sound &amp;</td>
<td>Verify the audio and microphone are not muted. Headphones and headsets (wired</td>
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<td>Microphone**</td>
<td>or Bluetooth) are not allowed unless explicitly approved by your test sponsor.</td>
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<td>**Browser</td>
<td>Internet Cookies must be enabled.</td>
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<td>Settings**</td>
<td>Any pop-up blocking setting(s) must be disabled.</td>
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<td><strong>Device</strong></td>
<td>All tablets are strictly prohibited, unless it has a physical keyboard and meets</td>
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<td><strong>Power</strong></td>
<td>Ensure you are connected to a power source before starting your exam to avoid</td>
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Mac special note

Note
Starting with **Mojave**, Mac OS users are required to grant permission to applications that need hardware access, which includes OnVUE. Candidates should be prompted to allow this application.

If candidates deny OnVUE the first time, they will not be prompted again and will need to manually grant permission through **System Preferences**. In **System Preferences**, they must allow OnVUE within the **Security & Privacy: Privacy** settings for **Microphone** and **Camera**. Additionally, OnVUE may require permission for **Automation** and **Input Monitoring**.

These technical requirements apply to any candidate taking an exam from their office or a location with a network administrator who controls the hardware, delivery software, network configurations (firewalls, etc.), or a combination of these variables that will impact the exam experience.

Note
**Most candidates will not be required to make any changes to successfully take Online Proctored exams.**
OnVUE Advanced Technical Requirements for the Networking Professional

This information below describes a full set of technical requirements and configuration settings necessary for delivering Online Proctored exams using OnVUE and Pearson VUE Browser Lock or Pearson ITS Secure Browser. The configuration settings and technical requirements described are targeted at an audience of mid to higher level technical skill.

These configuration settings and requirements should only be implemented if you are confident you understand and can implement these settings and configuration changes. If you do not understand these configuration settings and requirements **DO NOT make changes without first consulting with a Technology Professional.**

The following items are known to disrupt Pearson Internet Based Testing (IBT) Exam delivery:

- Proxy Servers, including global system proxy configurations
- Network Packet Inspection / Filtering
- Strict Network Security Configurations

Required Configurations

- **Recommended:** Ensure any security software will not block execution of JavaScript.
- Some internet security and antivirus software may require an exception to be made for the Pearson VUE Browser Lock secure browser.
- The following URLs may need to be added as trusted sites under Internet Settings. This can be done by going to the **Control Panel | Internet Options | Security** tab. Select **Trusted Sites.** Click the **Sites** button and add the following items to the list of websites. You may need to deselect the **Require server verification (https:) for all sites in this zone** option.
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- http://*.pearson.com & https://*.pearson.com
- http://*.pearsonvue.com & https://*.pearsonvue.com
- http://*.proctorcam.com & https://*.proctorcam.com
- http://*.starttest.com & https://*.starttest.com
- http://*.starttest2.com & https://*.starttest2.com
- http://*.programworkshop.com & https://*.programworkshop.com
- https://*.pubnub.com, https://*.pubnubapi.com, https://*.pndsn.com
- https://*.twilio.com
- https://*.pvue2.com
- https://*.ably.io
- https://*.ably-realtime.com
- https://*.wowza.com
- https://*.onvue.com

Sometimes it works better on certain systems if you add them in one of these fashions:

**Warning**

1. http://starttest.com,
2. http://starttest2.com,
3. *.starttest.com*,
4. *.starttest2.com*,
5. *.programworkshop.com*

- **OnVUE will not work with IP only whitelisting, the above must be allowed. In addition, ensure the following IP Addresses do not have communication restrictions due to any security software:**

**Note**

The last 4 are IP Ranges, but if your system does not accept ‘0/24’ or ‘0/16’, then try using just ‘0’ at the end.

- 159.182.0.0
- 64.27.100.27
- 64.27.64.232
- 159.182.0.0
- 64.106.193.0/24
- 64.106.220.0/24
- 206.188.17.0/24
- 159.182.0.0/16
Network & Domain Level Configuration Settings

This section describes the configuration settings necessary on the LAN / WAN used for IBT Exam Delivery. A moderate to high level of technical skill may be necessary to comply with these settings. **DO NOT make changes that you do not understand** without first consulting a Technology Professional.

- **Pearson Strongly Recommends** using a wired network rather than a wireless network, as it provides better exam delivery performance.

- **Pearson Strongly Recommends** avoiding network configurations involving **VPN, Proxy Servers, Advanced Firewall Security Configurations** and other network security measures such as but not limited to **Packet Filtering or Packet Inspection**. These advanced security configurations are known to cause moderate to severe degradation in exam delivery performance.

- **Pearson strongly recommends**: Stop active Anti-virus scanning while taking an exam. Some anti-virus software can cause performance issues.

- Some network level security software may require an exception be made for the candidate to successfully take an OnVUE exam.

- For **Pearson IBT Exams** Port 80 (HTTP), Port 443 (HTTPS), and Port 1935 (video streaming) must have sustained continuous connections. It is **strongly recommended** that traffic on these ports should be completely unrestricted.