

**DIVISION OF MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY  
DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS**

**MAT- 160 and MAT- 180 PROFICIENCY EXAMINATION POLICY**

In order to qualify to take either the MAT 160 proficiency examination or the MAT 180 proficiency examination the student must have already completed the basic skills mathematics requirement.

Since there is a **\$30.50 non-refundable fee** for each examination, properly prepared students who wish to obtain a waiver for the MAT 180 course should take just the MAT 180 proficiency test. If you are unable to sit for the scheduled appointment, you may reschedule one time by informing the Office of Testing Services at least 24 hours in advance via email at: [TestingOffice@Bergen.edu](mailto:TestingOffice@Bergen.edu). Failure to do so, will result in another \$30.50 charge should you sit for the exam at another time.

- 1. Any student who has not previously taken the MAT- 180 proficiency examination is allowed one attempt at the MAT-160 proficiency examination.** If the student:
  - a. passes this examination then they are exempt from MAT- 160.  
They are then allowed one attempt at the MAT-180 proficiency examination.  
If they pass both parts then they are exempt from MAT – 180; otherwise, they maintain their exemption from MAT- 160.
  - b. fails this examination then they cannot take the MAT- 180 proficiency examination and they must take MAT 160.
  
- 2. Any student who has not previously failed the MAT- 160 proficiency examination is allowed one attempt at the MAT- 180 proficiency examination.** If the student:
  - a. passes both parts of this examination then they are exempt from MAT 160 and MAT 180
  - b. passes part I but not part II of this examination then they are exempt from only MAT-160
  - c. fails part I of this examination then they must take MAT-160 unless they have previously passed the MAT-160 proficiency examination or have earned a C or better in the MAT-160 course.

**Calculator usage for the MAT-160 and MAT- 180 proficiency examinations:**

Students are allowed to use a calculator only if it is a four- function calculator provided by (OTS).