

The DFW Section of the American Chemical Society will be conducting its local qualifying exam for the **2023 National Chemistry Olympiad** on **Saturday, March 25, 2023 (8:30—11:00 a.m.)**.

**The exam will be given face-to-face at the following location:**

**The University of Texas at Arlington:** Science and Engineering Innovation and Research (SEIR) Building, Room 198

**Parking information:** EVERY VEHICLE PARKED ON CAMPUS AT UTA MUST HAVE A VALID PARKING PERMIT. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH PARTICIPANT TO OBTAIN A FREE PERMIT AS DESCRIBED BELOW. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS!

Here are the steps to register for parking:

1. Follow the link [https://utarlington.aimsparking.com/permits/?cmd=new\\_event](https://utarlington.aimsparking.com/permits/?cmd=new_event)
2. Select "Department-Hosted Event"
3. Select "**Chemistry Olympiad**"
4. Select the permit type "(EVT) Student Surface Lots"
5. Select the active date (March 25, 2023)
6. Add vehicle info and confirm

You may park in any student parking lot on campus, but Lot 49 is the closest lot to SEIR.

Interactive Map at: <https://www.uta.edu/maps>

**PLEASE NOTE:** There is no cost to students or teachers for this or the national exams. Copies of previous years' exams are available at:

<https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/education/students/highschool/olympiad/pastexams.html>

**REGISTRATION:** Deadline Wednesday, March 22, 2023. Registered examinees are guaranteed an exam and answer sheet; walk-in examinees will be accepted as testing materials and space allow. The registration form may be accessed through this QR code:



### **US National Chemistry Olympiad (NCO) Testing Requirements**

1. Students must be U. S. citizens or legal, permanent residents of the United States (green card holders) to take the U. S. National examination.
2. Students must be younger than 20 years old.
3. Only regularly enrolled high school students, graduating no earlier than Spring semester 2023, are eligible.
4. No more than two students per teacher or per high school may be selected to take the national exam. In the case of magnet programs or split enrollment, a student's school is defined as the high school where the student takes their science courses. For example, TAMS counts as a single high school for these purposes.
5. Students who have taken advanced placement courses in chemistry are eligible. Likewise, students who have received credit for college-level courses (limited to no more than two semesters or three quarters beyond general chemistry) are eligible.
6. Programmable calculators and cellular phones are **NOT** permitted during either the local or national exams. This means that **ABSOLUTELY NO GRAPHING CALCULATORS** are permitted during the exam regardless of whether the memory is cleared. Students **MUST** bring nonprogrammable scientific calculators with them to the exam, as the testing locations have NO calculators to loan. Students may bring pencils and erasers for marking their answers.
7. There is only one day and time for the local test. **THERE ARE NO MAKE-UP EXAMS!** In case of tie scores, the criterion for selection of a tie-breaker system will be announced prior to the beginning of the exam on March 25. (Historically, this has been based on correct answers to selected questions).
8. For those students selected for advancement, the National Exam will be held on Saturday, April 15, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Hebron High School in Carrollton, TX. Part of the National Exam will be administered online while the rest will be an in-person exam. **NOTE:** Once all preliminary exams are scored, we will verify the availability and participation of qualifying students for the national NCO examination. When this is complete, we will notify the remaining students of their score. As a courtesy we also mail back each student's exam to their chemistry instructor so they can see what how they did on the exam. **Please keep in mind that administering the national NCO examination is our first priority.** Therefore, it is not unusual that these exams are not mailed out until after the National NCO exam is complete in April. Please be patient!