RBT Exam Day Checklist

Rules from the BACB RBT Handbook (updated 10/2026) and Pearson VUE's BACB page and Candidate Rules Agreement. Checked November 4, 2026. Rules change, so recheck the Handbook before your date.

In the week before

- [ ] Read your Pearson VUE confirmation email in full: exam, date, time, address
- [ ] Compare your ID to your BACB account: first and last name must match exactly
- [ ] Check that your ID has not expired
- [ ] Try the Pearson VUE demo test
- [ ] Practice rate, mean duration and percentage by hand, with no calculator
- [ ] Need to move it? Do it now: fees rise as the date nears, and no changes inside 48 hours

Bring

- [ ] One ID: government issued, original (no photocopy or digital ID), current, with your signature and a recognizable photo

Leave at home

- [ ] Notes, textbooks and flashcards
- [ ] Visitors, children and friends: they cannot wait inside

Goes in the locker, or stays home

- [ ] Snack, drink, medication (optional)
- [ ] Phone (off), watch, any electronics
- [ ] Bag, wallet, hat, coat or jacket, glasses case
- [ ] Hair clips or removable jewelry wider than 1/4 inch; headbands wider than 1/2 inch
- [ ] Pens, pencils, scratch paper, calculator, ruler

At the test center

- [ ] Arrive about 30 minutes early; more than 30 minutes late means turned away, fee lost
- [ ] Check-in, in English: ID check, rules agreement, palm vein scan, photo
- [ ] Pat yourself down, empty your pockets, allow a wand scan
- [ ] Take into the room only your ID and locker key

During the exam

- [ ] 85 questions in 90 minutes, and the clock includes terms and tutorial
- [ ] Use the dry-erase board provided; ask for earplugs if you want them
- [ ] Breaks are allowed, but the clock keeps running
- [ ] On a break: food, drink, medication yes; phone, notes, car no
- [ ] Never leave the building: you lose the attempt and the fee

After the exam

- [ ] **Pass:** ask your RBT Supervisor or Requirements Coordinator to add you as a supervisee; you cannot practice until then
- [ ] **Fail:** keep your report. Submit the retake application in your BACB account (it appears within 48 hours). Wait at least 7 days. Pay $45 to rebook
- [ ] **Bad conditions** (noise, lighting, long load times): file an appeal within 7 days
- [ ] Never share or post exam questions

Fees (RBT)

Application (BACB, 2026)	$65
Each exam appointment (Pearson VUE)	$45 + any tax
Change 31+ days out	$0
Change 30 to 5 days out	$27
Change 5 days to 48 hours out	$32
Under 48 hours	Not permitted
Retake limit	8 total attempts in 12 months

The one that ends the day: an ID problem. Any name mismatch or invalid ID means you are turned away and all paid fees are forfeited.