

Acceptance testing is testing done by the customer (or a third party company selected by the customer) to confirm that the software meets the customer's requirements.

Acceptance testing must generally be passed to the customer's satisfaction before payment is made to the software vendor. The specifics of acceptance testing – such as what the pass/fail criteria for the acceptance testing will be – are usually discussed in-depth by the customer and the software vendor during the contract negotiations process and clearly defined in the contract.