



You need to register on the internet:

1. Access the NBT website: [www.nbt.ac.za](http://www.nbt.ac.za), click on “BOOK A TEST” and then follow the prompts. You can also register via the internet on your cell phone.
2. A letter confirming your registration and containing an EasyPay barcode will be available for you to download and print after you click on “SUBMIT”. You must take your registration letter to an EasyPay Paypoint to pay the testing fees.

You may also pay on the EasyPay website: [www.easypay.co.za](http://www.easypay.co.za). It is not necessary to bring proof of payment to the test site, but you should print out and keep copies. Results are released only for paid tests.

Registration is date and site specific. If you miss your scheduled writing session, or wish to write a second time, you must register and pay again.

The fees:

- ✓ AQL only - R125
- ✓ AQL and MAT - R250
- ✓ TEST RESULTS

Login to your NBT account approximately four weeks after having written to access your results. You will only be able to access them if you have paid for any tests for which you were registered.

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## WHAT ARE THE NATIONAL BENCHMARK TESTS?

The National Benchmark Tests (NBT) measure your academic readiness for University.

## WHY DO I HAVE TO WRITE THE TESTS?

The NBTs are used by many universities in the country. They help higher education institutions to interpret school leaving results such as those of the National Senior Certificate (NSC). The test results support, but don't replace or duplicate, NSC results.

Some South African higher education institutions use the NBTs for admission and others use them to determine whether you will need extra academic support during your studies. They also assist with the development of curricula. Find out from the institution you are applying to whether you are required to write the tests.

## WHICH TESTS MUST I WRITE?

The faculty or department will determine which test/s you must write and the deadlines for receiving your results.

## WHERE CAN I WRITE THE TESTS?

A complete schedule with all the test locations is on the NBT website ([www.nbt.ac.za](http://www.nbt.ac.za)). If there are no tests near to where you live, send an e-mail to [nbt@uct.ac.za](mailto:nbt@uct.ac.za), or phone us on 021 650 3523 and we will try to schedule a special site for your test.

## WHAT CAN I EXPECT FROM THE TESTS?

There are two tests: Academic Literacy, Quantitative Literacy (which are combined: AQL), and Mathematics (MAT). For more information about what the tests focus on, go to our web site: [www.nbt.ac.za](http://www.nbt.ac.za)

The QL test is closely related to the intended outcomes of the NSC subject, Mathematical Literacy.

Students with disabilities are accommodated. The AQL test has also been translated into Braille.

Each test requires you to apply prior learning - what you know and are able to do to materials that reflect expectations for first year students in university programmes.

The tests are confidential, so there are no past papers and no special study materials to prepare for the tests.

## WHEN SHOULD I WRITE?

You should write when you feel ready, but make sure that you write in time to meet all deadlines and requirements for the programme(s) to which you are applying. You must write both tests on the same day.

You are permitted to write the NBT a second time, but you will need to confirm with your faculty first that a second score will be accepted.

## WHEN CAN I WRITE?

NBT Test Dates 2021	Last Day to Register Online	Last Day to Pay Fees	Results Available to Institutions	Results Available to Writers
5 June	21 May	28 May	28 June	05 July
12 June	23 May	31 May	05 July	12 July
19 July	30 May	07 June	12 July	19 July
26 June	06 June	14 June	19 July	26 July
03 July	13 June	21 June	26 July	02 Aug
* 11 July	20 June	28 June	02 Aug	10 Aug
18 July	27 June	05 July	10 Aug	16 Aug
24 July	04 July	12 July	16 Aug	23 Aug
07 Aug	18 July	26 July	30 Aug	06 Sep
14 Aug	25 July	02 Aug	06 Sep	13 Sep
21 Aug	01 Aug	10 Aug	13 Sep	20 Sep
28 Aug	08 Aug	16 Aug	20 Sep	27 Sep
11 Sep	22 Aug	30 Aug	04 Oct	11 Oct
18 Sep	29 Aug	06 Sep	11 Oct	18 Oct
02 Oct	12 Sep	20 Sep	25 Oct	01 Nov
*Sunday test session				
** Online session				