



THE NATIONAL BENCHMARK TEST IS NOW ONLINE



NBT Online Testing from July 2020

The Centre for Educational Testing (CETAP) is excited to announce that the National Benchmark Test (NBT) will be provided as an online assessment commencing with the first test session on 25th July 2020 for registered writers. Future dates will be announced as writers register. The COVID-19 Pandemic has required CETAP to accelerate its plans for online testing. To achieve this goal CETAP is collaborating with a strategic technology partner that specializes in secure, proctored online assessments.



@NBT Online!

When the President declared a total lockdown from 27th March 2020, CETAP was compelled to revise its 2020 Test calendar. CETAP's overarching concern is for the health and wellbeing of writers and staff.

Online Test Date:

- **25 July 2020**
(AQL on 25 July &
MAT on 26 July,
09h00 – 12h30)

The Government's Risk-Adjusted Strategy does not currently permit NBT testing at its National venues. Communiqués from the Department of Basic Education indicate a phased reopening of schools from 1st June 2020. COVID-19 guidelines suggest that access to schools will initially be tightly controlled with no visitors or external personnel permitted. This has obvious implications for access to NBT venues at both schools and universities.

In response to these challenges, CETAP has therefore accelerated its plans for secure, proctored online NBT assessments commencing on 25th July 2020.

What will online testing provide?

An opportunity for writers to take the test in their own homes provided they have a quiet room, access to a computer with webcam and microphone, and a stable internet connection.

And for writers unable to take the test online?

CETAP and the NBT will offer ad hoc testing in schools where this demand exists. More information can be found at the [NBT website](#).



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