

## ● HOW DO I REGISTER TO WRITE?

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 these 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.

## ● WHAT DOES IT COST TO WRITE?

The fees for the 2017 Admission cycle are:

- AQL only - R80
- AQL and MAT - R160

## ● DID YOU KNOW:

If there is no NBT test site near to where you live, you can send us an email or phone us and we'll try to arrange a special site for your test.

Email [nbt@uct.ac.za](mailto:nbt@uct.ac.za)

Tel 021 650 3523

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# THE NATIONAL BENCHMARK TESTS



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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 where you apply 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 allowed 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?

Registration for all NBT sessions opens 1 April 2016.

NBT TEST DATES	LAST DAY TO REGISTER ONLINE	LAST DAY TO PAY FEES	RESULTS AVAILABLE TO INSTITUTIONS	RESULTS AVAILABLE TO WRITERS
21 May 16	01 May 16	08 May 16	13 Jun 16	20 Jun 16
4 Jun 16	15 May 16	22 May 16	27 Jun 16	4 Jul 16
*05 Jun 16	15 May 16	22 May 16	27 Jun 16	4 Jul 16
18 Jun 16	29 May 16	05 Jun 16	11 Jul 16	18 Jul 16
*19 Jun 16	29 May 16	05 Jun 16	11 Jul 16	18 Jul 16
25 Jun 16	05 Jun 16	12 Jun 16	18 Jul 16	25 Jul 16
**1 Jul 16	12 Jun 16	19 Jun 16	25 Jul 16	1 Aug 16
2 Jul 16	12 Jun 16	19 Jun 16	25 Jul 16	1 Aug 16
16 Jul 16	26 Jun 16	03 Jul 16	8 Aug 16	15 Aug 16
* 17 Jul 16	26 Jun 16	03 Jul 16	8 Aug 16	15 Aug 16
30 Jul 16	10 Jul 16	17 Jul 16	22 Aug 16	29 Aug 16
13 Aug 16	24 Jul 16	31 Jul 16	5 Sep 16	12 Sep 16
*14 Aug 16	24 Jul 16	31 Jul 16	5 Sep 16	13 Sep 16
27 Aug 16	07 Aug 16	14 Aug 16	19 Sep 16	26 Sep 16
10 Sep 16	21 Aug 16	28 Aug 16	3 Oct 16	10 Oct 16
17 Sep 16	28 Aug 16	04 Sep 16	10 Oct 16	17 Oct 16
1 Oct 16	11 Sep 16	18 Sep 16	24 Oct 16	31 Oct 16
8 Oct 16	18 Sep 16	25 Sep 16	31 Oct 16	7 Nov 16
*9 Oct 16	18 Sep 16	25 Sep 16	31 Oct 16	7 Nov 16
15 Oct 16	30 Sep 16	2 Oct 16	7 Nov 16	14 Nov 16
26 Nov 16	06 Nov 16	13 Nov 16	14 Dec 16	14 Dec 15
3 Dec 16	13 Nov 16	20 Nov 16	19 Dec 16	19 Dec 16
*04 Dec 16	13 Nov 16	20 Nov 16	19 Dec 16	19 Dec 16
**06 Jan 17	18 Dec 16	18 Dec 16	30 Jan 17	6 Feb 17
7 Jan 17	18 Dec 16	18 Dec 16	30 Jan 17	6 Feb 17

\* Sunday test session

\*\* Friday test session