



HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE NBT

Register on the internet:

1. Access the NBT website: **www.nbt.ac.za**
2. Click on “**BOOK A TEST**” and follow the prompts.
3. You can also register via the internet on your **cell phone**.
4. A letter confirming your registration and containing a barcode/NBT reference number will be available for you to download and print after you click on “SUBMIT”.

NOTE: 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**.

NBT COST

		
R175	R350	R250

PAYMENT FOR THE TEST



1. You must take your registration letter to an **EasyPay Paypoint** to pay the testing fees.
2. You may pay on the **EasyPay website** at www.easypay.co.za
3. You may pay by making a **direct deposit or EFT** payment to NBT Project.

2024 CALENDAR

NBT Test Dates	Last Day to Register Online	Last Day to Pay Fees	Results Available to Institutions	Results Available to Writers
11-May	21-Apr	29-Apr	3-Jun	10-Jun
18-May	28-Apr	6-May	10-Jun	17-Jun
1-Jun	12-May	20-May	24-Jun	1-Jul
8-Jun	19-May	27-May	1-Jul	8-Jul
9-Jun	19-May	27-May	1-Jul	8-Jul
22-Jun	2-Jun	10-Jun	15-Jul	22-Jul
29-Jun	9-Jun	17-Jun	22-Jul	29-Jul
6-Jul	16-Jun	24-Jun	29-Jul	5-Aug
7-Jul	16-Jun	24-Jun	29-Jul	5-Aug
13-Jul	23-Jun	1-Jul	5-Aug	12-Aug
20-Jul	30-Jun	8-Jul	12-Aug	19-Aug
27-Jul	7-Jul	15-Jul	19-Aug	26-Aug
28-Jul	7-Jul	15-Jul	19-Aug	26-Aug
3-Aug	14-Jul	22-Jul	26-Aug	2-Sep
17-Aug	21-Jul	29-Jul	2-Sep	9-Sep
18-Aug	21-Jul	29-Jul	2-Sep	9-Sep
24-Aug	4-Aug	12-Aug	16-Sep	23-Sep
31-Aug	11-Aug	19-Aug	23-Sep	30-Sep
7-Sep	18-Aug	26-Aug	30-Sep	7-Oct
14-Sep	25-Aug	2-Sep	7-Oct	14-Oct
28-Sep	8-Sep	16-Sep	21-Oct	28-Oct
5-Oct	15-Sep	23-Sep	28-Oct	4-Nov
12-Oct	22-Sep	30-Sep	4-Nov	11-Nov
30-Nov	10-Nov	18-Nov	12-Dec	12-Dec
11-Jan	22-Dec	30-Dec	3-Feb	10-Feb

 Sunday test session (Pencil and Paper - 20)

 Online test session - 5

 National test session (Pencil and Paper)

AQL: R175 / AQL & MAT: R350 / RE-MARK: R250



2024

THE NATIONAL BENCHMARK TESTS



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Measuring 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.



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**

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

Students with disabilities are accommodated. The AL 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.



CHOOSE ONLINE OR THE PENCIL & PAPER TEST

1. The tests are **equilibrated** so there is no difference in writing the online or pencil and paper form of the NBT.
2. You should choose the test form that **suits you the best**.
3. The **online test** is convenient as you would normally write the test at home, but you will **need a computer** that meets the minimum specification and have **stable internet access** and **sufficient bandwidth or data**.
4. You may prefer to write in a **test venue** using the **pencil and paper** form of the NBT, in which case you should **book your test** in a venue closest to you on a date that suits you.



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**. If there are no tests near to where you live, and the online test is not a viable option for you, send an **e-mail to nbt@uct.ac.za**, or phone us on **021 650 3523**.



WHEN SHOULD I WRITE?

You should write the NBT **before** the closing date of your university application, in order to meet all deadlines and requirements for the programme(s) to which you are applying. You must **write both** AQL and MAT tests on the **same day**.

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



APPLY AS A REMOTE WRITER

A remote writer/student is someone who is **unable to write at an institution** that generally facilitates the national benchmark test sessions.

A remote writer is a writer who is **in another country** or in an area too remote to be able to make a trip of a reasonable distance to the nearest testing centre. Send an email to **nbtremote@uct.ac.za** to **register as a remote writer**.



TEST RESULTS

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