



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



AQL only

R145



AQL & MAT

R290



Re-mark

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.

2023 CALENDAR

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

 Sunday test session (Pencil and Paper)

 Online test session

 National test session (Pencil and Paper)

AQL: R145 / AQL & MAT: R290 / RE-MARK: R250



2023

THE NATIONAL BENCHMARK TESTS



CEA
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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.