HOW DO I REGISTER TO WRITE?

You need to register on the internet:

1. Access the NBT website: **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.** 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.

WHAT DOES IT COST TO WRITE?

The fees:
- **AQL only - R100**
- **AQL and MAT - R200**

TEST RESULTS

Login to your NBT account approximately four weeks after writing 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). If there are no tests near to where you live, send an e-mail to 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

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?

NBT Test Dates 2019	Last Day to Register Online	Last Day to Pay Fees	Results Available to Institutions	Results Available to Writers
11-May	23-Apr	29-Apr	3-Jun	10-Jun
25-May	5-May	13-May	18-Jun	24-Jun
1-Jun	12-May	20-May	24-Jun	1-Jul
*2-Jun	12-May	20-May	24-Jun	1-Jul
22-Jun	2-Jun	10-Jun	15-Jul	22-Jul
*23-Jun	2-Jun	10-Jun	15-Jul	22-Jul
**28-Jun	9-Jun	18-Jun	22-Jul	29-Jul
29-Jun	9-Jun	18-Jun	22-Jul	29-Jul
6-Jul	18-Jun	24-Jun	29-Jul	5-Aug
13-Jul	23-Jun	1-Jul	5-Aug	12-Aug
*14-Jul	23-Jun	1-Jul	5-Aug	12-Aug
27-Jul	7-Jul	15-Jul	19-Aug	26-Aug
3-Aug	14-Jul	22-Jul	26-Aug	2-Sep
*4-Aug	14-Jul	22-Jul	26-Aug	2-Sep
24-Aug	4-Aug	12-Aug	16-Sep	23-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
*6-Oct	15-Sep	23-Sep	28-Oct	4-Nov
12-Oct	22-Sep	30-Sep	4-Nov	11-Nov
23-Nov	3-Nov	11-Nov	17-Dec	17-Dec
30-Nov	10-Nov	18-Nov	17-Dec	17-Dec
*1-Dec	10-Nov	18-Nov	17-Dec	17-Dec
4-Jan 2020	8-Dec	18-Dec	27-Jan 2020	3-Feb 2020

*Sunday test session

** Friday test session