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 - R110**
- **AQL and MAT - R220**

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.

NBT
NATIONAL
BENCHMARK
TESTS PROJECT

E   nbt@uct.ac.za
T   021 650 3523
T   @NBT_za
F   nationalbenchmarktest

www.nbt.ac.za

CETAP
Centre for Educational
Testing for Access and
Placement

NBT
NATIONAL
BENCHMARK
TESTS PROJECT

THE NATIONAL BENCHMARK TESTS

Contributing to Student Success

2020

2020

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 2020	Last Day to Register Online	Last Day to Pay Fees	Results Available to Institutions	Results Available to Writers
30 May	10 May	18 May	22 Jun	29 Jun
*31 May	10 May	18 May	22 Jun	29 Jun
6 Jun	17 May	25 May	29 Jun	06 Jul
**19 Jun	31 May	08 Jun	13 Jul	20 Jul
20 Jun	31 May	08 Jun	13 Jul	20 Jul
27 Jun	7 Jun	15 Jun	20 Jul	27 Jul
4 Jul	14 Jun	22 Jul	27 Jul	03 Aug
11 Jul	21 Jun	29 Jun	03 Aug	11 Aug
*12 Jul	21 Jun	29 Jun	03 Aug	11 Aug
18 Jul	28 Jun	06 Jul	11 Aug	17 Aug
*19 Jul	28 Jun	06 Jul	11 Aug	17 Aug
25 Jul	05 Jul	13 Jul	17 Aug	24 Aug
*26 Jul	05 Jul	13 Jul	17 Aug	24 Aug
01 Aug	12 Jul	20 Jul	24 Aug	31 Aug
*02 Aug	12 Jul	20 Jul	24 Aug	31 Aug
22 Aug	02 Aug	10 Aug	14 Sep	21 Sep
05 Sep	16 Aug	24 Aug	28 Sep	05 Oct
12 Sep	23 Aug	31 Aug	05 Oct	12 Oct
26 Sep	06 Sep	14 Sep	19 Oct	26 Oct
03 Oct	13 Sep	21 Sep	26 Oct	02 Nov
*04 Nov	13 Sep	21 Sep	02 Nov	02 Nov
10 Oct	20 Sep	28 Sep	14 Dec	09 Nov
21 Nov	1 Nov	09 Nov	14 Dec	14 Dec
*06 Dec	15 Nov	23 Nov	15 Dec	21 Dec
09 Jan 2021	06 Dec	14 Dec	01 Feb 2021	08 Feb 2021

*Sunday test session
** Friday test session