

**NATIONAL
BENCHMARK
TESTS**

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- The National Benchmark Test (NBT) is an assessment for prospective first year entry students into Higher Education.
- There are two tests namely, the Academic Literacy and Quantitative Literacy (AQL) and the Mathematics (MAT) test.
- There is no pass mark for the NBT.

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ACADEMIC LITERACY AND QUANTITATIVE LITERACY (AQL)

- The test is a multiple choice test, each section is timed allowing for a total of three hours and five minutes.
- Each section has its own score.
- The AQL test is written by applicants to ALL programmes.
- The AQL test is written during a morning session, with applicants required to report at 7:30AM on the test date.

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MATHEMATICS (MAT):

- The test is also a multiple-choice and timed, with three hours allowed.
- The Mathematics test must be written by applications to programmes for which Mathematics is a requirement.
- The MAT is written on the same day as the AQL, but in the afternoon with a short break between the two tests.
- Both tests must be written for programmes such as; Medicine, Engineering, Accounting and most of the Sciences.

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- Costs:
 - AQL only R90
 - AQL and MAT R165
- Registration is required and must be done online at www.nbt.ac.za.
- Learners who do not report for their scheduled tests must register and pay again in order to re-schedule a missed test.

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WHAT YOU MUST TAKE ALONG:

- ID book, passport, or certified receipt of application for a South African ID.
- Registration letter and EasyPay receipt of payment of test fees.
- Two HB pencils, an eraser and a pencil sharpener.
- Lunch, if you are writing both tests.
- **NO CALCULATORS, RULERS OR DICTIONARIES ARE ALLOWED.**

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- The university and faculty where you apply will determine which test/s you must write. The application requirements include closing dates and deadlines for receiving NBT results. This will help you decide when to write.
- The first NBT test is in May.
- Registration opens April.
- Universities receive test results two weeks after test/s have been written.

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How do institutions get my results?

- As institutions and bursary awarders process applications, they send the NBT Project a request for scores that match the applicants on the list.
- **NB:** Before you submit your registration request to NBT, you are asked to check a box giving permission for your results to be sent to requesting institutions and for use in research projects. Be sure to read and check this before hitting 'Submit'.

UNIVERSITY AND TECHNIKON REQUIREMENTS

The MINIMUM admission requirements for tertiary study are:

- 1) BACHELORS DEGREE
4 subjects above 50%
- 2) DIPLOMA
4 subjects above 40%

Note: Life Orientation and CAT may NOT be included as one of the 4 above-mentioned subjects

- 3) HIGHER CERTIFICATE
3 subjects at 40% one of which must be English,
3 other subjects at 30%.

The MINIMUM admission requirements for tertiary study are:

- In addition to the general criteria for admission to a university, additional criteria must be met to qualify for admission to a particular study program.

University of Cape Town (UCT)



www.uct.ac.za

UCT Entry requirement

% Achievement	APS *
100	100
90	90
80	80
70	70
60	60
50	50
40	40
<40	0

Science: 420 – 450

Commerce: 420 – 480

Humanities: 370 – 440

Health: 340 – 500

Law: 450 – 480

*APS will use the actual percentage mark you achieve; i.e. if you score 74% you will get 74 APS points.

UCT : CALCULATION OF ADMISSION POINTS SCORE (APS)

- %s achieved in NSC exams (prelims and finals) = **number of points per subject**
- %s of 6 subjects added (not LO)
- **Results <40% don't receive a score**

SUBJECT	PERCENTAGE	APS
English	71%	71 points
Afrikaans	65%	65 points
Maths	57%	57 points
Life Science	72%	72 points
History	37%	0
Art	62%	62 points
LO	76%	0
		327 / 600

UCT

- ENGINEERING and BUILT ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE DEGREES – **MATHS PAPER 3** contributes to the APS (must get >40%)
- ENGINEERING and BUILT ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH SCIENCE DEGREES – **National Bench Mark Tests** score also forms part of admission score (APS).

UCT

APPLYING FOR ADMISSION:

- Application should be submitted as early as possible and commences in April of each year.
- A non-refundable application fee of R100 is payable with every application.
- All examination results from Grade 11 until September of Grade 12 must be submitted.

University of the Western Cape (UWC)



www.uwc.ac.za

UWC Points system

Level	Percentage	Points for English	Points for Maths or Maths Lit	Points for Life Orientation	Points for each other subject
8	90-100%	15	15	3	8
7	80-89%	13	13	3	7
6	70-79%	11	11	2	6
5	60-69%	9	9	2	5
4	50-59%	7	7	2	4
3	40-49%	5	5	1	3
2	30-39%	3	3	1	2
1	20-29%	1	1	1	1
	Less than 20%	0	0	0	0

UWC

Example:

SUBJECT	MARK	POINTS
English	71%	11
Afrikaans	65%	5
Maths	57%	7
Life Sciences	72%	6
History	37%	2
Art	62%	5
LO	76%	2
		38

UWC

Minimum requirements:

	DEGREE	DIPLOMA
Arts	27 points	23 points
Education	27 points	23 points
CHS	27 points	23 points
Science	27 points	23 points
Law	34 points	
Dentistry	40 points	
EMS	30 points	

UWC

- Closing dates for applications:
 - 1st closing date: ± 31 August
 - 2nd closing date: ± 30 September
 - Late applications: ± 1 October
- Application fees that are non-refundable:
 - 1st closing date: R50
 - 2nd closing date: R100
 - Late applications: R150

Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT)



www.cput.ac.za

CPUT

- Minimum admission requirements:
- 4 subjects above 40%
- Maths or Maths Lit above 30%
- Home Language above 40%
- First Additional Language 30%

Specific minimum requirements for different courses may apply.

CPUT

- Closing date for application:
 - 31 August
 - Design Portfolio's 31 July
- Application fee of R100 is non-refundable.

Stellenbosch University



www.maties.com

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APPLYING FOR ADMISSION:

- Two Formats:
 - An electronic application form available on www.maties.com under “e-applications”, for this you will need an e-mail address so that the University can correspond electronically with you.
 - A paper application form, available from the enquiries desk in the foyer of Administration Building A.
 - Application fee of R300 is non-refundable.

Stellenbosch University

CLOSING DATES FOR APPLICATIONS:

- Health Sciences: 31 May
- Law and Education: 30 June
- Other Faculties: 30 June with acceptance of late applications until 30 September.
- Accommodation in a residence: 30 June
- Closing date for loans and bursaries: 30 June