

## TEST OF ACADEMIC LITERACY FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS [TALPS]

Everything you need to know is in this document; please read through it carefully.

### Procedure for the arrangement/registration of a TALPS test for 2020

- Please note: this is an ICELDA test; it is not a test of the University of the Free State.
- Also note that our office hours are not fixed; therefore, please communicate via email.
- **All test bookings must be confirmed via email by completing the registration form below and sending it with proof of payment to [talps@ufs.ac.za](mailto:talps@ufs.ac.za).**
- The test may be used as part of the procedure to process applications for postgraduate study, but usually does not contribute more than 15-20% if used for admission purposes.
- You do not need to prepare for the test. You are advised to consult the example test available at <https://lcat.design/academic-literacy/sample-test-of-academic-literacy-levels/>.
- to get an idea of what the test looks like.
- A student can repeat a test (if necessary) only after three months have passed.

### WRITTEN TALPS TEST DATES AND VENUES FOR 2020

Test date	Deadline for registration	Test Starts	Test Ends	Venue
1/17/2020	1/13/2020	15h00	17h00	EBW G4
2/7/2020	2/3/2020	15h00	17h00	EBW G4
3/6/2020	3/2/2020	15h00	17h00	EXR 5
4/9/2020	4/6/2020	15h30	17h30	EXR 5
5/8/2020	5/4/2020	15h00	17h00	EXR 5
6/5/2020	6/1/2020	15h00	17h00	EBW G4
7/3/2020	6/29/2020	15h00	17h00	EBW G4
8/7/2020	8/3/2020	15h00	17h00	EXR 5
9/4/2020	8/31/2020	15h00	17h00	EXR 5
10/2/2020	9/28/2020	15h00	17h00	EXR 5
11/6/2020	11/2/2020	15h00	17h00	EBW G4
12/4/2020	11/30/2020	15h00	17h00	EBW G4

You need to bring along a pencil, eraser, sharpener, blue or black pen, and student or ID card. Please try to be at the test venue before 15:00 so that we can start the test on time. You will not receive extra time if you are late. Please visit our official UFS website if you are uncertain about where the venues are situated: <http://www.ufs.ac.za/about-the-ufs/visit-the-ufs/maps-of-our-campuses>.

## PAYMENT OF THE TEST FEE

- 1) The required fee (R110) must be deposited into the ICELDA entity at either:

<b>Name of Account:</b>	<b>University of the Free State (Main Account)</b>
<b>Branch Code</b>	<b>632005</b>
<b>Account Number</b>	<b>1570850071</b>
<b>Swift Code for International Transfers</b>	<b>ABSAZAJJ</b>
<b>Reference:</b>	<b>ONE of the following:</b>

153 directly followed by ID Number for Talps Test  
153 directly followed by Student Number for Talps Test

**Also write student and ID number on the deposit slip, together with 115306261 + surname + initials**

Or:

**UFS cashier at Thakaneng Bridge:**

Entity no.: 115306261

Account no.: 0198

Also provide surname and initials, student and ID number.

- 2) If needed, the swift code is ABSAZAJJ

**TAKE NOTE THAT PROOF OF PAYMENT MUST BE PROVIDED TOGETHER WITH THE REGISTRATION FORM.**

- Normally, it takes a week or two to process the results. More time may be needed in the case of large test groups. The results are forwarded directly to the contact persons in the academic departments concerned and are **not communicated by ICELDA to the students or test takers**. Students may then request the results from their academic departments.
- It is also possible for departments of the UFS campus to arrange for alternative dates and venues for selected groups of students; please contact [talps@ufs.ac.za](mailto:talps@ufs.ac.za) to make such an arrangement.



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### REGISTRATION FORM FOR TALPS 2020

Please complete this form and email it to [talps@ufs.ac.za](mailto:talps@ufs.ac.za)

Take note that **Department** refers to the department to which your results will be sent, and the contact person refers to the person who has asked you to write the test. You will not be allowed to write if you have not completed and submitted this form.

Name and Surname	
SA students: Student no. AND ID no.	
International students: Student no. AND passport no.	
Contact number	
Email address	
Faculty	
Department	
Name and email address of contact person in the department you intend to study at	
Chosen test date (from previously noted schedule)	

**Please attach your proof of payment (this is compulsory)**