

# National Benchmark Tests (NBTs)

## Compulsory Academic and Quantitative Literacy Test and Mathematics Test

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### What are the National Benchmark Tests (NBTs)?

National Benchmark Testing is a national initiative of Universities South Africa (USAf). The NBTs are used by several South African universities as part of their student placement processes. There are two tests of three hours' duration each. The first test is the Academic and Quantitative Literacy Test (AQL), and the second is the Mathematics Test (MAT).

### Who must write the National Benchmark Tests (NBTs)?

All prospective students planning to participate in an undergraduate programme at the University of the Free State are required to write the Academic and Quantitative Literacy (AQL) Test.

Students applying to the following faculties must **also** write the Mathematics Test:

- Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
- Faculty of Health Sciences
- Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences (consult the prospectus to determine which courses also require the Mathematics Test, as there are some exceptions).
- For more detailed information on each test, please visit [www.nbt.ac.za](http://www.nbt.ac.za).

**Prospective students who want to enrol for the first time in 2020 must write the NBTs in 2019, or in their grade 12 year.**

### Why am I required to write the NBTs?

The academic reading and writing demands of university study differ from those at school level, and the development of academic reading and writing competence is a critical part of a university education. The UFS regards the quality of teaching and learning as a top priority, and is dedicated to helping students perform well academically. In order to manage this process, the UFS must have accurate information on a student's academic literacy, quantitative literacy and mathematics proficiency. The NBTs provide a measure of student competencies in these areas and assist the UFS in placing students into the most appropriate modules and programmes during the first year.

### How does the UFS use the NBT results?

The NBTs are used as part of the selection process for the Faculty of Health Sciences (School of Medicine and School of Allied Health Professions). For students applying to all our other faculties (including Nursing), NBT results are used during the registration process, but not for admission decisions. NBT performance levels are used to place first-year students into appropriate developmental programmes or modules, if necessary. Students who did not perform at the required proficiency level in the NBT Academic and Quantitative Literacy Test and plan to study in English must register for an academic literacy development module in English, namely one of the following module codes: EALH/EALE/EALN/EALL 1508, depending on the faculty in which they register. Students who plan to study in Afrikaans (if this option is available in the faculty concerned) must register for the academic literacy development course in Afrikaans, namely one of the following module codes: AGAH/AGAM/AGAL/AGAN/AGAE 1508.

The aim of the academic literacy development course is to introduce students to the reading and writing skills required for university study. These are not *language* courses; they are *academic literacy* courses. This kind of reading and writing is not taught at school level, and the course will teach students how to study, write and read in an academic environment. Therefore, the literacy course aims to provide students with the skills and confidence to read an academic text efficiently and critically, and to extract the main ideas and key details so that they can adequately demonstrate this knowledge in tests and examinations. The course also develops the ability of students to write essays and assignments.

### Is it compulsory to take the NBTs?

Yes! It is compulsory for **ALL** prospective UFS undergraduate students to write these tests in order to be placed into the correct developmental learning programmes/modules, if necessary. Your NBT results will be checked during the registration process.

### In which languages can the NBTs be written?

It is important to remember that you should write the NBTs in the language in which you intend to study at the UFS. This language will depend on the new Language Policy of the UFS, and may differ from one faculty to the next.

### When and where can I write the NBTs?

The NBTs should be written during your grade 12 year. Please note that you only need to write the NBTs once, even if you are applying at more than one university in South Africa.

There are about 50 venues nationwide at which the NBTs can be written, and there are plenty of NBT test dates to accommodate your needs. **Please note that you need to register to take the tests. You must do so about three weeks before the test date.**



Test dates	Last day to register	Last day to pay fees	Results available
11/05/2019	23/04/2019	29/04/2019	10/06/2019
25/05/2019	05/05/2019	13/05/2019	24/06/2019
01/06/2019	12/05/2019	20/05/2019	01/07/2019
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22/06/2019	02/06/2019	10/06/2019	22/07/2019
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13/07/2019	23/06/2019	01/06/2019	12/08/2019
*14/07/2019	23/06/2019	01/06/2019	12/08/2019
27/07/2019	07/07/2019	15/07/2019	26/08/2019
03/08/2019	14/07/2019	22/07/2019	02/09/2019
*04/08/2019	14/07/2019	22/07/2019	02/09/2019
24/08/2019	04/08/2019	12/08/2019	23/09/2019
07/09/2019	18/08/2019	26/08/2019	07/10/2019
14/09/2019	25/08/2019	02/09/2019	14/10/2019
28/09/2019	08/09/2019	16/09/2019	28/10/2019
05/10/2019	15/09/2019	23/09/2019	04/11/2019
*06/10/2019	15/09/2019	23/09/2019	04/11/2019
12/10/2019	22/09/2019	30-/09/2019	11/11/2019
23/11/2019	03/11/2019	11/11/2019	17/12/2019
30/11/2019	10/11/2019	18/11/2019	17/12/2019
*01/12/2019	10/11/2019	18/11/2019	17/12/2019
04/01/2020	08/12/2019	18/12/2019	03/02/2020

\*\* Friday test session / \* Sunday test session

**The last opportunity for all students to write the test is:**

- **30 June 2019** for students who have applied to the Faculty of Health Sciences (School of Medicine or School of Allied Health Professions).
- **1 December 2019** for all students who have applied to any of the other faculties at the UFS (Bloemfontein and Qwaqwa campuses).

**TAKE NOTE:** Registration for all NBTs opens on **1 April 2019**.

### How do I register to write the NBTs?

You can register online or by cell phone. We recommend that you register online.

To register online, you have to access the website [www.nbt.ac.za](http://www.nbt.ac.za).

Read the instructions and then click on "Book a test" and follow the prompts.

You can also access the website [www.nbt.ac.za/mobile](http://www.nbt.ac.za/mobile) via your cell phone and follow the prompts. This application is used in the same way as WhatsApp or Facebook.

### What does it cost to write the NBTs?

Students who only write the AQL test will need to pay R100, and students who write both the AQL and the MAT tests will need to pay R200.

- Once you have registered to write the test(s), you will be provided with an EasyPay bar code.
- If you register online, the letter with bar code will be available for download immediately after you have clicked on "submit".
- Take the downloaded letter to any convenient EasyPay pay point to pay the test fee. The EasyPay pay points are listed on the EasyPay website, as well as on the letter. The EasyPay website address is: [www.easypay.co.za](http://www.easypay.co.za).

If you register via your cell phone, you can do one of the following to access your EasyPay letter:

- enter an e-mail address and the acknowledgement letter will be sent automatically; or
- log in to the NBT website and print the acknowledgement letter; or
- enter your cell phone number and you will receive only your EasyPay number (not the full letter).

**The test fees are subject to change.**

### What do I need to write the tests?

On the morning of the tests, you should bring the following with you:

- Your ID book.
- Your receipt as proof that you have paid the test fee. The venue administrator will stamp the receipt and return it to you.
- An HB pencil and a black ballpoint pen (not a fibre-tipped pen).
- An eraser.
- A pencil sharpener.
- Something to eat/drink.
- Bus/taxi fare home, if required.

**No calculators may be used.**

### Where can I access my NBT results?

Your NBT results can be accessed on the NBT website ([www.nbt.ac.za](http://www.nbt.ac.za)). Click on "Registered user login" and provide your ID number and password. Once you are a registered student at the UFS, you will also be able to access your results via the UFS Student Portal.

### What is the national proficiency/pass score?

**Please note that the UFS's proficiency score may differ from the national score.**

AL = 68%  
QL = 70%  
Maths = 69%

### What arrangements can be made if I have special learning or educational needs?

Students with disabilities, or any special learning or educational needs, will be provided with the support they need to write the NBTs. Please contact the call centre (021 650 3523) well ahead of the test date to inform the UFS of your specific needs.

### Where can I find additional information or make enquiries?

For general information about the NBTs, how to register, venues and what the tests cover, please visit [www.nbt.ac.za](http://www.nbt.ac.za), or phone the NBT call centre at **021 650 3523**.

For information about the UFS's NBT requirements, or for assistance if you experience any difficulties registering for the tests, please contact **Mrs Lerato Marumo** at [nbt@ufs.ac.za](mailto:nbt@ufs.ac.za), **051 401 2448** or [www.ufs.ac.za/nbt](http://www.ufs.ac.za/nbt).

Prospective students applying for admission to the Faculty of Health Sciences should contact the faculty at **051 401 3739/7517** or [FHSapplications@ufs.ac.za](mailto:FHSapplications@ufs.ac.za).



# Nasionale Normtoetse

(National Benchmark Tests, NBT's)

## Verpligte Akademiese en Kwantitatiewe Geletterdheidstoets en Wiskundetoets

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Let asseblief daarop dat die inligting in hierdie brosjure onderhewig is aan verandering.

### Wat is die Nasionale Normtoetse (National Benchmark Tests, NBT's)?

Die Nasionale Normtoetse is 'n nasionale inisiatief van Universities South Africa (USAf). Dit word deur verskeie Suid-Afrikaanse universiteite gebruik as deel van hul keurings- en plasingprosesse. Daar is twee toetse wat elk drie ure duur. Die eerste toets is die Akademiese en Kwantitatiewe Geletterdheidstoets (*Academic and Quantitative Literacy Test, AQL*), en die tweede is die Wiskundetoets (*Mathematics Test, MAT*).

### Wie moet die Nasionale Normtoetse (NBT's) skryf?

Alle studente wat van voorneme is om vir 'n voorgraadse program aan die Universiteit van die Vrystaat in te skryf, moet die AQL-toets skryf.

Studente wat aansoek wil doen vir studie in die volgende fakulteite moet **ook** die Wiskundetoets skryf:

- Fakulteit Ekonomiese en Bestuurswetenskappe
- Fakulteit Gesondheidswetenskappe
- Fakulteit Natuur- en Landbouwetenskappe (verwys na die prospektus om te bepaal watter kursusse die vereiste stel dat die Wiskundetoets ook geskryf moet word, aangesien daar uitsonderings is).
- Vir meer gedetailleerde inligting oor elke toets, besoek asseblief [www.nbt.ac.za](http://www.nbt.ac.za).

**Voornemende studente wat vir die eerste keer in 2020 wil inskryf, moet die NBT's in 2019 of in hul graad 12-jaar skryf.**

### Waarom is ek verplig om die NBT's te skryf?

Die vaardigheidsvlak van akademiese lees- en skryfwerk wat vir universiteitstudie vereis word, verskil van die eise wat op skoolvlak gestel word. Die ontwikkeling van akademiese lees- en skryfvaardighede is 'n uiters belangrike deel van universiteitsopleiding. Die UV plaas baie klem op die kwaliteit van onderrig en leer, en op hulpverlening aan studente om hul studieprestasies te verbeter. Om hierdie proses te bestuur, het die UV akkurate inligting oor studente se akademiese geletterdheid, kwantitatiewe geletterdheid en wiskundige vaardighede nodig. Die NBT's bied 'n maatstaf van studente se

vaardighede in hierdie areas, en help die UV om studente tydens hul eerste studiejaar in die mees geskikte modules en programme te plaas.

### Hoe gebruik die UV die NBT-uitslae?

Die NBT's word gebruik as deel van die keuringsproses vir die Fakulteit Gesondheidswetenskappe (Skool vir Geneeskunde en Skool vir Aanvullende Gesondheidsberoep). Vir studente wat aansoek doen by al die ander fakulteite (insluitende Verpleegkunde) word die NBT-uitslae gebruik tydens die registrasieproses, maar nie vir toelatingsbesluite nie. NBT-prestasievlakke word gebruik om eerstejaarstudente in geskikte ontwikkelingsprogramme of -modules te plaas, indien nodig. Studente wat nie die vereiste prestasievlak vir die NBT-toets vir Akademiese en Kwantitatiewe Geletterdheid behaal nie en in Afrikaans gaan studeer (indien hierdie opsie beskikbaar is in die betrokke fakulteit), moet hulle vir 'n kursus in die ontwikkeling van akademiese geletterdheid in Afrikaans registreer, naamlik een van die volgende modulekodes: AGAH/AGAM/AGAL/AGAE/AGAN 1508. Studente wat in Engels gaan studeer, moet hulle vir 'n kursus in die ontwikkeling van akademiese geletterdheid in Engels registreer, naamlik een van die volgende modulekodes: EALH/EALE/EALN/EALL 1508.

Die doel van die module in akademiese geletterdheid is om studente geleidelik bloot te stel aan die lees- en skryfvaardighede wat op universiteit vereis word. Dit is nie 'n taalkursus nie, maar 'n kursus in *akademiese geletterdheid*. Hierdie soort lees- en skryfwerk word nie op skoolvlak onderrig nie, en die kursus fokus op die studie-, lees- en skryfvaardighede wat in 'n akademiese omgewing benodig word. Die doel van die kursus is om studente toe te rus met die vaardighede en selfvertroue om akademiese tekste doeltreffend en krities te lees, en om die hoofidees en sleutelbesonderhede uit te lig sodat studente hierdie kennis op voldoende wyse in toetse en eksamens kan demonstreer. Die kursus ontwikkel ook die vermoë van studente om opstelle en opdragte te skryf.

### Is dit verpligtend om die NBT's te skryf?

Ja! **ALLE** voornemende voorgraadse UV-studente is verplig om die toetse te skryf om in die korrekte ontwikkelingsleerprogramme/-modules geplaas te word, indien nodig. Jou NBT-uitslae sal tydens die registrasieproses nagegaan word.

### In watter tale kan die NBT's geskryf word?

Dit is belangrik om te onthou dat jy die NBT's in die taal waarin jy onderrig aan die UV gaan ontvang, moet skryf. Hierdie taal sal afhang van die UV se nuwe Taalbeleid en mag van fakulteit tot fakulteit verskil.

### Waar en wanneer kan ek die NBT's skryf?

Die NBT's moet gedurende jou graad 12-jaar geskryf word. Neem asseblief kennis dat jy die NBT's slegs een keer hoef te skryf, selfs indien jy by meer as een universiteit in Suid-Afrika aansoek doen.

Daar is ongeveer 50 lokale landwyd waar die NBT's geskryf kan word, en daar is genoeg NBT- toetsdatums om jou te pas. **Onthou asseblief dat jy omtrent drie weke voor die beoogde toetsdatum moet registreer.**



Toetsdatums	Laaste datum vir registrasie	Laaste datum om te betaal	Uitslae beskikbaar
11/05/2019	23/04/2019	29/04/2019	10/06/2019
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14/09/2019	25/08/2019	02/09/2019	14/10/2019
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\*\* Toetssessie op Vrydag / \* Toetssessie op Sondag

**Die laaste geleentheid om die NBT's te skryf, is soos volg:**

- **30 Junie 2019** vir studente wat aansoek doen by die Fakulteit Gesondheidswetenskappe (die Skool vir Geneeskunde of die Skool vir Aanvullende Gesondheidsberoep).
- **1 Desember 2019** vir alle ander studente wat by enige van die ander UV-fakulteite aansoek doen (Bloemfontein- en Qwaqwa-kampusse).

**LET OP:** Registrasie vir alle NBT's begin op **1 April 2019**.

### Hoe registreer ek om die NBT's te skryf?

Jy kan aanlyn of per selfoon registreer. Ons beveel aan dat jy aanlyn registreer.

Om aanlyn te registreer, moet jy die webblad [www.nbt.ac.za](http://www.nbt.ac.za) besoek. Lees die aanwysings en klik dan op "Book a test" en volg die instruksies.

Jy kan die webblad [www.nbt.ac.za/mobile](http://www.nbt.ac.za/mobile) ook per selfoon besoek en die instruksies volg. Hierdie toepassing word net soos WhatsApp of Facebook gebruik.

### Hoeveel kos dit om die NBT's te skryf?

Studente wat slegs die AQL-toets skryf, betaal R100 en studente wat beide die AQL- en MAT-toetse skryf, betaal R200.

- Sodra jy geregistreer het om die toets te skryf, sal jy 'n EasyPay-staafkode ontvang.
- Indien jy aanlyn registreer, sal jy die brief met staafkode dadelik kan aflaai wanneer jy op die "submit"-knoppie klik.
- Neem die brief na enige EasyPay-betalpunt naby jou om die toetsgeld te betaal. Die EasyPay-betalpunte is op die EasyPay-webtuiste gelys, en verskyn ook op die brief. Die EasyPay-webadres is: [www.easypay.co.za](http://www.easypay.co.za).

**Indien jy op jou selfoon registreer, kan jy die EasyPay-brief op die volgende manier verkry:**

- verskaf 'n e-posadres en die erkenningsbrief sal outomaties aan jou gestuur word; of
- teken in op die NBT-webtuiste en druk jou erkenningsbrief uit; of
- tik jou selfoonnommer in en ontvang slegs die EasyPay-verwysingsnommer (nie die volledige brief nie).

**Die toetskoste is onderhewig aan verandering.**

### Wat het ek nodig om die toetse te skryf?

Bring die volgende items saam op die oggend van die toetse:

- Jou ID-boekie.
- Jou kwitansie as bewys van betaling van die toetsgeld. Die toetsbeampte sal die kwitansie stempel en aan jou teruggee.
- 'n HB-potlood en 'n swart balpuntpen (nie 'n viltpuntpen nie).
- 'n Uitveër.
- 'n Potloodskerpmaker.
- Iets om te eet/drink.
- Busgeld/taxigeld huis toe, indien benodig.

**Geen sakrekenaars mag gebruik word nie.**

### Waar kan ek my NBT-uitslae kry?

Jou NBT-uitslae sal op die NBT-webtuiste ([www.nbt.ac.za](http://www.nbt.ac.za)) beskikbaar wees. Klik op "Registered user login" en verskaf jou ID-nommer en wagwoord. Sodra jy 'n geregistreerde student van die UV is, sal jy ook toegang tot jou uitslae hê via die UV-studenteportaal.

### Wat is die nasionale vaardigheidsyfer/slaagsyfer?

Let wel dat die UV se vaardigheidsyfer verskil van die nasionale vaardigheidsyfer.

AL = 68%  
QL = 70%  
Wiskunde (Maths) = 69%

### Watter reëlings kan getref word indien ek spesiale leer- of onderrigbehoefte het?

Studente met gestremdhede of enige spesiale leer- of onderrigbehoefte sal die nodige ondersteuning ontvang om die NBT's te kan skryf. Skakel die oproepsentrum (021 650 3523) asseblief vroeëtydig om die UV oor jou spesifieke behoeftes in te lig.

### Waar kan ek bykomende inligting vind of navraag doen?

Vir algemene navrae oor die NBT's, hoe om te registreer, toetslokale en wat die toetse dek, besoek asseblief [www.nbt.ac.za](http://www.nbt.ac.za) of skakel die NBT-oproepsentrum by 021 650 3523.

Vir meer inligting oor die UV se NBT-vereistes of indien jy sukkel om vir die toets te registreer, kontak asseblief vir **mev Lerato Marumo** by [nbt@ufs.ac.za](mailto:nbt@ufs.ac.za), 051 401 2448 of [www.ufs.ac.za/nbt](http://www.ufs.ac.za/nbt).

Voornemende studente wat aansoek doen om toelating tot die Fakulteit Gesondheidswetenskappe kan die fakulteit by 051 401 3739/7517 of [FHSApplications@ufs.ac.za](mailto:FHSApplications@ufs.ac.za) kontak.