

WHAT ARE THE NATIONAL BENCHMARK TESTS?

WHAT ARE THE NBTS?

Universities South Africa (USAf) initiated the NBTs, and several South African universities use the test(s) as part of their student placement processes. The first test is the Academic and Quantitative Literacy Test (AQL), and the second is the Mathematics Test (MAT). Each test takes three hours to complete and both tests are written on the same day.

IS IT COMPULSORY TO TAKE THE NBT TESTS?

Yes, all first-time entering undergraduate applicants to the University of the Free State must write the NBTs before registering, but preferably before the end of 2021.

MUST I WRITE BOTH TESTS?

It depends. ALL prospective students must write the AQL test. If you apply to the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences, the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences, or the Faculty of Health Sciences, you must write both the AQL and MAT tests where required.

WHY WRITE THE NBTS?

The level of academic reading and writing that you must be able to master at university is very different from what you are used to at school. If you lack this level of skills, you may have a hard time at university. But if we know what the level of your skills are, we can make sure that you enrol for the most appropriate modules and programmes in your first year. And that is what we use the NBTs for – to help us understand what skills you have, and what skills need to be developed.

HOW, WHEN, AND WHERE TO WRITE?

Registration for NBTs opens on 1 April 2021. You should write the NBTs while you are in Grade 12, before you register at the university. Visit www.nbt.ac.za for all the information you need. Once you have written the tests, you can use the results to apply at any university. The UFS **only** accepts NBT results, NO other admission tests will be considered.

If you are applying to study MBChB in the Faculty of Health Sciences, you should have written the NBTs before the end of June 2021.

WHAT TO BRING WITH



ID Document



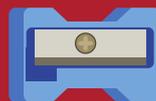
Proof of Payment



HB Pencil and a black ballpoint pen.
(Not a fibre-tipped pen)



Eraser



Pencil Sharpener

T: +27 51 401 3000 | E: info@ufs.ac.za | www.ufs.ac.za

UFSUV | UFSweb | UFSweb | ufsuv

Inspiring excellence. Transforming lives.

**Kovsie
2B**

UNIVERSITY OF THE
FREE STATE
UNIVERSITEIT VAN DIE
VRYSTAAT
YUNIVESITHI YA
FREISTATA



UFS
STUDENT RECRUITMENT
SERVICES