

NBTs

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?

This depends on the programme you are applying for. Please refer to the specific programme information to determine whether the NBT is compulsory. Also, refer to the specific programme to determine the deadline for writing the NBT.

Why write the NBTs? / How does the UFS make use of the NBT results?

The UFS uses the NBT results in three ways:

- We use it as part of the selection process for the Faculty of Health Sciences.
- Some faculties may use your NBT results for selection or during the registration process. Please see the specific programme for more information.
- To place students in appropriate academic literacy development modules, where necessary.

We use a student's performance levels in the Academic Literacy part of the NBT to place first-year students into appropriate developmental modules. If you did not pass the NBT Academic Literacy Test, you must register for one of the following English Academic Literacy development modules: EALH/EALE/EALN/EALL/EALT 1508.

These academic literacy development courses are not language courses. They teach you to read academic text efficiently and critically while extracting the main ideas and key details. It is important to remember that the level of academic reading and writing that you must master at university is very different from what you are used to at school. If you lack these key skills, you may have a hard time at university. But if we know the level of your skills, 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.

I did not/cannot write the NBT, what happens?

In some programmes, the NBT is compulsory for selection. Again, refer to the specific programme for more information. For non-selection courses, if you cannot/did not write the NBT, the UFS has alternative processes to place you, if necessary, into an academic literacy developmental module to maximally support your chances of success in your first year of study.

How, when, and where to write?

Registration for the NBTs opens on 1 April 2024. 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 to any university. The UFS **only** accepts NBT results, NO other admission tests will be considered. **If you are applying to study in the Faculty of Health Sciences, you must write the NBTs by 7 July 2024.**

If you have not written the NBTs yet, please register to write as soon as possible.

Booking of each test must be done three weeks in advance.

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