

## Applications to universities

- <https://youtu.be/3yO-ee4Y4FQ?feature=shared>
- Bridgeapp (helps you apply to other universities which are not in your top 3, but make sure to track those applications)
- **Make sure that you certify and scan the following documents:**  
 \*Your ID copy, grade 11 report card + the June report card (mostly for bursaries), ID copy of guardians, pay slip of parents/ proof of grant from Sassa( for bursaries).

### Application fees and closing dates:

#### 2025 University Application Dates

| <u>UNIVERSITY</u>                           | <u>OPENING DATE</u> | <u>CLOSING DATE</u>                                                                               | <u>LINK TO APPLY</u>              | <u>APPLICATION FEE</u>                                       |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>University of Cape Town (UCT)</u>        | <u>2 April 2024</u> | <u>31 July 2024</u>                                                                               | <a href="#"><u>Apply here</u></a> | <u>R100 (SADC applicants) / R300 (non-SADC applicants)</u>   |
| <u>University of the Western Cape (UWC)</u> | <u>2 April 2024</u> | <u>30 August 2024 (Dentistry Undergraduate programmes) / 30 September 2024 (Other programmes)</u> | <a href="#"><u>Apply here</u></a> | <u>FREE</u>                                                  |
| <u>Stellenbosch University (SU)</u>         | <u>1 April 2024</u> | <u>31 July 2024</u>                                                                               | <a href="#"><u>Apply here</u></a> | <u>R 100</u>                                                 |
| <u>University of Johannesburg (UJ)</u>      | <u>1 April 2024</u> | <u>1 October 2024</u>                                                                             | <a href="#"><u>Apply here</u></a> | <u>FREE (Online application) / R200 (Manual application)</u> |
| <u>University of Pretoria (UP)</u>          | <u>2 April 2024</u> | <u>31 May 2024 (Faculty of Veterinary Science) / 30 June</u>                                      | <a href="#"><u>Apply here</u></a> | <u>R 300</u>                                                 |

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|                                               |                         | <u>2024 (All other faculties)</u>                                                                                                                                                                            |                                   |                                                                                                                                         |
| <u>University of the Witwatersrand (WITS)</u> | <u>1 March 2024</u>     | <u>30 June 2024 (Faculty of Health Sciences, Bachelor of Architectural Studies, Bachelor of Audiology, Bachelor of Speech-Language Pathology, BA Film and TV) / 30 September 2024 (All other programmes)</u> | <a href="#"><u>Apply here</u></a> | <u>R100 (South African citizens) / R700 (foreign citizens)</u>                                                                          |
| <u>University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN)</u>     | <u>TBC</u>              | <u>30 June 2024 (Medicine) / 30 September 2024 (All other Undergraduate Programmes)</u>                                                                                                                      | <a href="#"><u>Apply here</u></a> | <u>R210 (On-time applications: SA applicants) / R420 (Late applications: SA applicants) / R490 (SADC and rest of Africa applicants)</u> |
| <u>Rhodes University (RU)</u>                 | <u>1 May 2024</u>       | <u>30 September 2024</u>                                                                                                                                                                                     | <a href="#"><u>Apply here</u></a> | <u>R 100</u>                                                                                                                            |
| <u>University of South Africa (UNISA)</u>     | <u>1 September 2024</u> | <u>1 January 2025</u>                                                                                                                                                                                        | <a href="#"><u>Apply here</u></a> | <u>R 135</u>                                                                                                                            |
| <u>North West University (NWU)</u>            | <u>2 April 2024</u>     | <u>28 June 2024 / 30 August 2024</u>                                                                                                                                                                         | <a href="#"><u>Apply here</u></a> | <u>FREE</u>                                                                                                                             |
| <u>University of the Free State (UFS)</u>     | <u>1 April 2024</u>     | <u>30 September 2024</u>                                                                                                                                                                                     | <a href="#"><u>Apply here</u></a> | <u>FREE</u>                                                                                                                             |

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| <u>Sol Plaatje University (SPU)</u>                   | <u>1 April 2024</u> | <u>30 November 2024</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <a href="#">Apply here</a> | <u>FREE</u>                                                                  |
| <u>Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMU)</u>   | <u>1 April 2024</u> | <u>30 June 2024 (Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB), Bachelor of Pharmacy (BPharm) &amp; Bachelor of Radiography (Brad)) / 2 August 2024 (early applications (excluding MBChB, BPharm &amp; Brad)) / 30 September 2024 (late applications (excluding MBChB, BPharm &amp; Brad))</u> | <a href="#">Apply here</a> | <u>FREE (for South African citizens) / R500 (for International Students)</u> |
| <u>Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT)</u> | <u>13 May 2024</u>  | <u>July 2024 / September 2024</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <a href="#">Apply here</a> | <u>R 100</u>                                                                 |
| <u>Durban University of Technology (DUT)</u>          | <u>1 April 2024</u> | <u>30 September 2024</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <a href="#">Apply here</a> | <u>R250 (South Africans citizens) / R300 (international applicants)</u>      |
| <u>Mangosuthu University of Technology (MUT)</u>      | <u>1 April 2024</u> | <u>31 May 2024 / 30 September 2024</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <a href="#">Apply here</a> | <u>R250 (South Africans citizens) / R300 (international applicants)</u>      |
| <u>University of Venda (Univen)</u>                   | <u>2 May 2024</u>   | <u>26 September 2024</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <a href="#">Apply here</a> | <u>R 100</u>                                                                 |

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| <u>University of Zululand (Unizulu)</u>       | <u>TBC</u>           | <u>TBC</u>                                                                                             | <a href="#"><u>Apply here</u></a> | <u>R 100</u>                                                                                                                                   |
| <u>Vaal University of Technology (VUT)</u>    | <u>1 May 2024</u>    | <u>1 September 2024</u>                                                                                | <a href="#"><u>Apply here</u></a> | <u>R 100</u>                                                                                                                                   |
| <u>Central University of Technology (CUT)</u> | <u>27 March 2024</u> | <u>30 September 2024</u>                                                                               | <a href="#"><u>Apply here</u></a> | <u>FREE</u>                                                                                                                                    |
| <u>Walter Sisulu University (WSU)</u>         | <u>2 April 2024</u>  | <u>30 September 2024 (Health Sciences, International Applicants) / 31 October 2024 (SA applicants)</u> | <a href="#"><u>Apply here</u></a> | <u>FREE</u>                                                                                                                                    |
| <u>University of Limpopo (UL)</u>             | <u>TBC</u>           | <u>TBC</u>                                                                                             | <a href="#"><u>Apply here</u></a> | <u>R200 (South African applicants) / R750 (International Applicants)</u>                                                                       |
| <u>Tshwane University of Technology (TUT)</u> | <u>1 March 2024</u>  | <u>15 June 2024 / 30 September 2024</u>                                                                | <a href="#"><u>Apply here</u></a> | <u>R 240</u>                                                                                                                                   |
| <u>University of Fort Hare (UFH)</u>          | <u>1 March 2024</u>  | <u>15 June 2024 / 30 September 2024</u>                                                                | <a href="#"><u>Apply here</u></a> | <u>FREE (Online Application) / R120 (Manual Application for South African students) / R500 (Manual Application for International Students)</u> |

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| <u>University of Mpumalanga (UMP)</u>                   | <u>1 June 2024</u>  | <u>1 November 2024</u>                                                                    | <a href="#"><u>Apply here</u></a> | <u>R150 (RSA/SADC Applicants) / R350 (other African Countries) / R500 (countries outside Africa)</u> |
| <u>Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University (SMU)</u> | <u>2 April 2024</u> | <u>31 July 2024 (undergraduate programmes) / 30 August 2024 (postgraduate programmes)</u> | <a href="#"><u>Apply here</u></a> | <u>R 300</u>                                                                                         |

Reference: [2025 University Applications South Africa - Apply Now](#)

### **Bursaries you can apply to:**

<https://www.zabursaries.co.za/>

<https://www.studentroom.co.za/category/bursaries/>

Highly recommended **bursaries for medical students**: Morshal, Motsepe Foundation, Tiso foundation, Investec

### **NBTs:**

#### **What are they?**

The National Benchmark tests are tests designed to determine how academically ready you are for university.

The NBT is divided into 2 categories: The AQL and the MAT

There are two tests that are offered, the **AQL** and the **MAT** test. AQL stands for **Academic Literacy and Quantitative Literacy**, while MAT is an abbreviation for **Mathematics**.

The AQL is written by everyone, while the MAT test is optional and determined by your faculty requirements. Unlike the AQL test, which is compulsory for everyone, the MAT tests cannot be written on its own.

If you are writing the MAT test, then you also have to write the AQL test. The MAT test is mostly written by learners who are applying for programmes that require mathematics. These are programmes like Engineering, Accounting and science-related degrees.

The format of the two tests is **multiple-choice**, and each section of the test is timed giving learners **3 hours in total to finish each test**.

## TEST DATES AND PRICES:



### HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE NBT

Register on the internet:

1. Access the NBT website: [www.nbt.ac.za](http://www.nbt.ac.za)
2. Click on **"BOOK A TEST"** and follow the prompts.
3. You can also register via the internet on your **cell phone**.
4. A letter confirming your registration and containing a barcode/NBT reference number will be available for you to download and print after you click on "SUBMIT".

*NOTE: Registration is date and site specific. If you miss your scheduled writing session, or wish to write a second time, you must **register and pay again**.*

### NBT COST

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| AQL only                                                                            | AQL & MAT                                                                           | Re-mark                                                                             |
| <b>R185</b>                                                                         | <b>R370</b>                                                                         | <b>R250</b>                                                                         |



### PAYMENT FOR THE TEST

1. You must take your registration letter to an **EasyPay Paypoint** to pay the testing fees.
2. You may pay on the **EasyPay website** at [www.easypay.co.za](http://www.easypay.co.za)
3. You may pay by making a **direct deposit** or **EFT** payment to NBT Project.

[www.nbt.ac.za](http://www.nbt.ac.za)

## 2025 CALENDAR

| NBT Test Dates                              | Last Day to Register Online | Last Day to Pay Fees | Results Available to Institutions | Results Available to Writers |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 10-May                                      | 20-Apr                      | 28-Apr               | 2-Jun                             | 9-Jun                        |
| 17-May                                      | 27-Apr                      | 5-May                | 9-Jun                             | 17-Jun                       |
| 31-May                                      | 11-May                      | 19-May               | 23-Jun                            | 30-Jun                       |
| 7-Jun                                       | 18-May                      | 26-May               | 30-Jun                            | 7-Jul                        |
| 8-Jun                                       | 18-May                      | 26-May               | 30-Jun                            | 7-Jul                        |
| 21-Jun                                      | 1-Jun                       | 9-Jun                | 14-Jul                            | 21-Jul                       |
| 28-Jun                                      | 8-Jun                       | 16-Jun               | 21-Jul                            | 28-Jul                       |
| 5-Jul                                       | 15-Jun                      | 23-Jun               | 28-Jul                            | 4-Aug                        |
| 6-Jul                                       | 15-Jun                      | 23-Jun               | 28-Jul                            | 4-Aug                        |
| 12-Jul                                      | 22-Jun                      | 30-Jun               | 4-Aug                             | 11-Aug                       |
| 19-Jul                                      | 29-Jun                      | 7-Jul                | 11-Aug                            | 18-Aug                       |
| 26-Jul                                      | 6-Jul                       | 14-Jul               | 18-Aug                            | 25-Aug                       |
| 2-Aug                                       | 13-Jul                      | 21-Jul               | 25-Aug                            | 1-Sep                        |
| 3-Aug                                       | 13-Jul                      | 21-Jul               | 25-Aug                            | 1-Sep                        |
| 16-Aug                                      | 27-Jul                      | 4-Aug                | 8-Sep                             | 15-Sep                       |
| 23-Aug                                      | 3-Aug                       | 11-Aug               | 15-Sep                            | 22-Sep                       |
| 30-Aug                                      | 10-Aug                      | 18-Aug               | 22-Sep                            | 29-Sep                       |
| 6-Sep                                       | 17-Aug                      | 25-Aug               | 29-Sep                            | 6-Oct                        |
| 13-Sep                                      | 24-Aug                      | 1-Sep                | 6-Oct                             | 13-Oct                       |
| 27-Sep                                      | 7-Sep                       | 15-Sep               | 20-Oct                            | 27-Oct                       |
| 4-Oct                                       | 14-Sep                      | 22-Sep               | 27-Oct                            | 3-Nov                        |
| 11-Oct                                      | 21-Sep                      | 29-Sep               | 3-Nov                             | 10-Nov                       |
| 10-Jan                                      | 7-Dec                       | 15-Dec               | 2-Feb                             | 9-Feb                        |
| *Sunday test session (Pencil Paper)         |                             |                      |                                   |                              |
| ** Online test session                      |                             |                      |                                   |                              |
| AQL: R185 / AQL & MAT: R370 / RE-MARK: R250 |                             |                      |                                   |                              |




# 2025

## THE NATIONAL BENCHMARK TESTS



CEA  
Centre for Educational Assessment

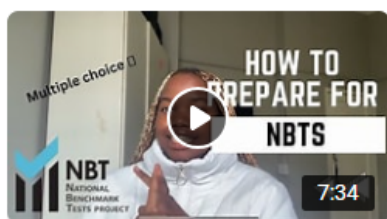
Measuring your **academic readiness** for University.

[www.nbt.ac.za](http://www.nbt.ac.za)

More on: [Applicants | National Benchmark Test Project](#)

You can even use the link above to **apply for NBTs**.

## HOW TO PREPARE:



### NBTs explained | everything you need to know before writing NBTs

7.8K views · 9 Mar 2023

YouTube › Wealthy Girl Empire



### [Learn more about the NBTs \(National Benchmark Tests\) | 24 Feb 2021](#)

2.4K views · 26 Feb 2021

YouTube › Advantage Learn



### WHAT ARE NBT TESTS ALL ABOUT? | Everything you need to know about how to register, prepare and write

4.9K views · 29 Apr 2022

YouTube › Silibaziso Mupereki



### HOW TO PASS NBTs (FAQs, topics they test, study resources, past papers)

109.4K views · 16 Jul 2022

YouTube › Becoming Dr Andy

## Advice from someone who has written them:

1. Breathe, you've got this.
2. Time goes by really fast as you are writing the exam, pace yourself in every paper (ACQs and MAQs).
3. **For ACQs:**
  - This is like the English comprehension that you know so remember the techniques you used to write that, my advice would be to focus on answering questions instead of Reading the whole question paper. Why? It's because you just don't have the time.
  - Use your brain power, the English they use should not scare you, find out what they want and give them exactly that.
  - Practise, practise, practise! There are resources YouTube where people go through problem sets and you can find samples (with no memos) on the website. Lucky for you – ChatGPT and other generative AI tools can help you generate a memo for the questions.
4. **For QL:**
  - These are word problems mostly and problems based on graphs, pie charts etc.

- They are like the word problems that you know and love!
- A YouTuber explained their structure beautifully on:  
<https://youtu.be/hYkkR-Szn3c?feature=shared>
- REMEMBER: you have limited time to complete these questions, work fast.

**For MCQs:**

- This is the work you covered with a little bit of spice.
- It is encouraged that you write these after June exams, while your mind is still fresh.
- There will be challenging questions there that will need you to really think but remember, you can work through them.
- Reminder: be mindful of the time and work through the questions fast.
- Do you remember the techniques used in grade 1-5, the long division, multiplication, BODMAS and addition of apples? Those skills will come in handy during the test as **NO THERE IS NO CALCULATOR** used.
- If you manage to work through the exam fast enough, you will have plenty of time to go through it again and check for mistakes/ working through some of the challenging questions again.