

Step-by-step guide

You may find this step-by-step guide helpful in planning for your test.

Check

- Confirm which universities / courses require the test as part of their entry criteria.
- If you require Access Arrangements or other accommodations, obtain the correct evidence so that you are ready to apply for these.
- If you are eligible for a UCAT bursary to cover your full test fee, obtain the required evidence (you may need information from your parent/carer or school for this).
- Ensure that you have the correct ID required to sit your test.

Register

- Create a UCAT account between 16 May and midday on 21 September 2023.
- If applicable, submit an application for any Access Arrangements you require - you can do this from 16 May onwards after you have created a UCAT account. These require approval before you can book a test.
- If eligible, apply for a UCAT Bursary. We recommend you do this before booking so that you can use your bursary voucher code to pay for your test.

Book

- You can book your test from 20 June 2023, until booking closes at midday on 21 September 2023. We recommend you book as early as possible, and advise against booking a test in the final week of testing.

Prepare

- Use the UCAT Preparation Plan on our website to work out a study plan for when you will begin preparing for the test.
- Use the free, official preparation materials on the UCAT website.
- The Question Tutorials are really useful before you move onto the Question Banks, and then finally progress to the timed Practice Tests.

- Familiarise yourself with the test functionality by looking at the Tour Tutorial.
- Practise using the onscreen calculator and get used to the timings of each section.
- Find out what to expect at a Pearson VUE Test Centre and read the statement on candidate misconduct and our Test Centre Exam Rules on the Test Day page of our website.
- Familiarise yourself with what to do if something goes wrong either before or during your test.

Sit

- Take the correct, original, signed, unexpired ID with you to the test centre.
- Check where your test centre is and allow plenty of time for arrival.
- Take your test between 10 July and 28 September 2023 – no exceptions!
- In the unlikely event of any issues during your test, you must report this to the test centre immediately and obtain an incident number, then consult the Test Incident page for next steps.

Research

- Check the information on university websites to see how each university uses the test in their admissions process before you submit your UCAS application.
- Preliminary scores will be issued in mid September and final test statistics a few days after testing ends. Mean scores from previous test cycles are available on the Test Statistics page of our website.
- Use this information to make an informed decision about where to apply.

Apply

- Don't forget your UCAS application should be submitted by 16 October 2023.

Relax

- We will communicate your test result directly to your chosen universities in early November, you do not need to take any action.