



Admissions Tests 2025 Entry

Arrangements for the TMUA and ESAT



Who are we
and why
test?



Who are UAT-UK?

- University Admissions Tests (UAT-UK)
- Joint Venture established by Imperial College London and the University of Cambridge
- A charitable entity, with the objective of promoting and providing for the advancement of education in the United Kingdom, by establishing and operating, tests to aid selection for admission to degree and other courses.
- Initially focusing on mathematics, engineering and science.

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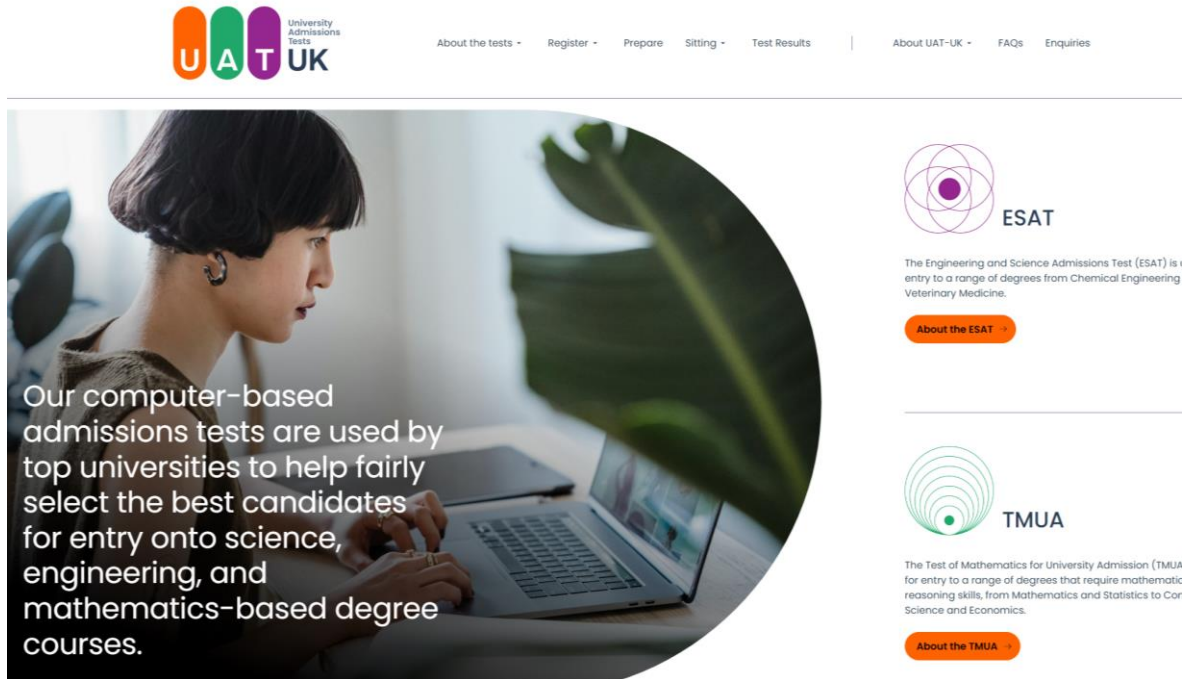
- We will be providing two admissions tests from 2025 entry (applications from October 2024).
- These tests are:
 - The Test of Mathematics for University Admission (TMUA), formerly delivered by Cambridge Assessment Admissions Testing.
 - The Engineering and Science Admissions Test (ESAT), a new test for engineering and science courses.
- Both tests will be administered by Pearson VUE, which is the certification and licensure arm of Pearson, one of the world's leading learning companies, via their global network of test centres

Why use a test?

- State exams (such as GCE A levels and other public examinations) are a good indication of a student's ability.
- They are an important preparation for our courses.
- The courses that will use these tests typically receive applications from very large numbers of students who have, or are predicted to achieve, the highest grades.
- The admissions test is a chance for applicants to demonstrate:
 - Their skills (for example, their mathematical problem-solving ability).
 - Their subject knowledge.
 - Their understanding of topics related to their chosen course.
- Allows us to benchmark applicants across qualifications

UAT-UK Website

- The UAT-UK website is now live
- www.esat-tmua.ac.uk



The screenshot shows the UAT-UK website homepage. At the top left is the UAT UK logo. To its right is a navigation menu with links: "About the tests", "Register", "Prepare", "Sitting", "Test Results", "About UAT-UK", "FAQs", and "Enquiries". Below the navigation is a large circular image of a woman with short dark hair looking at a laptop. Overlaid on the bottom left of this image is the text: "Our computer-based admissions tests are used by top universities to help fairly select the best candidates for entry onto science, engineering, and mathematics-based degree courses." To the right of the image, there are two sections. The first is for ESAT, featuring a purple atom-like logo, the text "ESAT", and a description: "The Engineering and Science Admissions Test (ESAT) is for entry to a range of degrees from Chemical Engineering to Veterinary Medicine." Below this is an orange button labeled "About the ESAT". The second section is for TMUA, featuring a green concentric circle logo, the text "TMUA", and a description: "The Test of Mathematics for University Admission (TMUA) is for entry to a range of degrees that require mathematical reasoning skills, from Mathematics and Statistics to Core Science and Economics." Below this is an orange button labeled "About the TMUA".



Test of Mathematics for University Admission



TMUA

- It tests mathematical thinking and reasoning skills.
- It lasts 2 hours 30 minutes in total.
- It is divided into two parts:
 - Applications of Mathematical Knowledge, which assesses an applicant's ability to apply their knowledge of mathematics in new situations.
 - Mathematical Reasoning, which assesses their ability to deal with mathematical reasoning, and simple ideas from elementary logic.
- The two separately timed subtests (75 minutes each) are in a multiple-choice format, delivered by computer-based assessment.

TMUA Sittings

- The TMUA will have two testing windows, reflective of the current two UCAS equal consideration dates that are used by Imperial College London and University of Cambridge.
- For 2025 entry the testing windows are:
 - 16 and 17 October 2024
 - 8 and 9 January 2025
- Testing windows will be set by UAT-UK and Pearson VUE annually.
- Applicants for University of Cambridge **MUST** sit TMUA in the October testing window.



Engineering and Science Admissions Test



ESAT

- The ESAT tests mathematical and science thinking, along with reasoning skills.
- It is made up of individual multiple-choice assessments, with Mathematics 1 being compulsory for all candidates.
- In most cases, candidates will be required to complete two additional assessments from the following:
 - Biology
 - Chemistry
 - Physics
 - Mathematics 2

ESAT

- The ESAT is a computer-based assessment.
- Each of the individual multiple-choice assessments last 40 minutes each.
- Assessments are sat back-to-back on the day of the test.
- Most candidates will take 3 assessments, lasting 120 minutes (2 hours) in total.

ESAT Sittings

- The ESAT will have two testing windows, reflective of the current two UCAS equal consideration dates that are used by Imperial College London and University of Cambridge.
- For 2025 entry the testing windows are:
 - 15 and 16 October 2024
 - 7 and 8 January 2025
- Testing windows will be set by UAT-UK and Pearson VUE annually.
- Applicants for University of Cambridge **MUST** sit ESAT in the October testing window.



Test Administration

Common arrangements across all UAT-UK tests



Test Centres

- Tests will be taken at a local Pearson VUE test centre, rather than in schools and colleges.
- Applicants can choose from centres in more than 5,500 locations in over 180 countries.
- Full list of test centre availability will be released when registration goes live.
- There is a generic test centre locator on our Pearson landing page, <https://home.pearsonvue.com/uatuk>.
- Students self-register for the test via the Pearson VUE website.

Test Registration

- Registering for a test is a two-step process of creating an account and booking a test, using the Pearson VUE registration system.
 - First, set up a Pearson VUE account
 - Candidates must register with their legal name
 - It can take up to 24 hours for a Pearson VUE account to be created
 - Candidates must make a note of their UAT-UK candidate ID
 - Second, book a test
 - Candidate logs into their account
 - Find a test location
 - Pay for the test
- Applications for Access Arrangements and Bursaries **MUST** be made before booking a test.
- Full details can be found on the website, www.esat-tmua.ac.uk.

October 2024 Test Sitting Timeline

Deadline	Event
1 May '24	Account creation opens on Pearson VUE for test sittings in October 2024 and January 2025.
3 June '24	Applications open for Access Arrangements and Bursaries
1 August '24	Test registration opens
29 August '24	Test registration closes for candidates requiring access arrangements
16 Sept. '24	Online test registration closes. Any further bookings can be made by phone via Pearson VUE customer services.
1 October '24	No further test bookings will be permitted after this date.
15/16 Oct. '24	ESAT Test Window
16/17 Oct. '24	TMUA Test Window
W/c 25 Nov. '24	Test results will be made available to candidates



January 2025 Test Sitting Timeline

Deadline	Event
1 May '24	Account creation opens on Pearson VUE for test sittings in October 2024 and January 2025.
23 Sept. '24	Applications open for Access Arrangements and Bursaries
24 Oct. '24	Test registration opens
24 Nov. '24	Test registration closes for candidates requiring access arrangements
9 Dec. '24	Online test registration closes. Any further bookings can be made by phone via Pearson VUE customer services.
23 Dec. '24	No further test bookings will be permitted after this date.
8/9 Jan. '25	ESAT Test Window
9/10 Jan. '25	TMUA Test Window
W/c 17 Feb. '25	Test results will be made available to candidates

Bursary vouchers

- Our bursary scheme provides UK candidates in financial need with a voucher to cover the full test fee.
- The applicant, or their parent/guardian, will need to meet the criteria set out (next slide) and provide the relevant documentary evidence.
- Applicants can apply for one bursary code per UAT-UK test, per application cycle.
- These are one-time voucher codes that can be reclaimed during test registration.
- Applications for vouchers open in June or September (ahead of the test registration window).
- Full details can be found on the website, www.esat-tmua.ac.uk.

Bursary eligibility criteria

- The candidate is in receipt of:
 - Free School Meals
 - 16-19 Bursary / EMA
- The candidate, or parent/guardian, living at the same address is in receipt of:
 - Universal credit (with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
 - Working Tax Credit
 - Child Tax Credit, and have an annual gross income, of no more than £16,190 as assessed by HMRC
 - Income support, Job Seekers Allowance (JSA), or Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
 - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit

Access Arrangements

- Access arrangements are available if applicants have a learning difficulty, a physical or mental disability, sensory impairment or other medical condition that might otherwise impact their ability to sit the test.
- Like bursary vouchers, applicants can make these arrangements in advance of registering for the test.
- There is also a list of 'Permitted Comfort Aids' for items that can be taken into the test centre without approval.
- Full details can be found on the website, www.esat-tmua.ac.uk.

Test Cost

- There is an entry fee for the TMUA and ESAT.
- For the standard version of the test it will be:
 - Tests taken in the UK and the Republic of Ireland – £75
 - Tests taken outside the UK – £130
- There is no additional test centre fee.
- The test fee is payable at the time of booking by major debit/credit cards, or by bursary voucher.
- The test fee will be reviewed annually by UAT-UK.
- Bursary vouchers are available.



Preparing for the tests and results



Preparing for the tests

- The tests use content that students will have already learned in their school studies.
- The tests are based on material from GCSE and AS level mathematics and science qualifications.
- There is **no need** to take a preparation course or to do much preparation beyond revising what they have already learned.

Preparing for the tests

- We do recommend candidates familiarise themselves with the test format and style of questions.
- Full test specification are available on the website now.
- There is a practice test for each available now from our Pearson landing page, <https://home.pearsonvue.com/uatuk>.
- This also comes with explained answers.
- A second practice test will be available in early June, providing scores only, to be used to practice under timed conditions.

TMUA & ESAT Results

- Results will be released to applicants directly from Pearson VUE booking portal, approximately six weeks after the test is taken.
- The results are automatically shared with all universities using the tests.
- There is no need for applicants to send Universities their test results.

TMUA & ESAT Results

- **Only the result from the first sitting will be accepted**
 - **i.e. candidates should NOT sit the test more than once.**
- **Results are only valid for one admissions cycle.**
- There is no pass or fail for TMUA or the ESAT.
- Test takers' final scores are based on the number of correct answers, with no penalty for incorrect answers.
- We encourage candidates to attempt all the questions and aim to do the best they can.