



University of Oxford Admissions Tests 2023

Oxford University/TCS Test Centre bulletin

Welcome to your first test centre communications update. You are receiving this bulletin because you have recently become an authorised centre for delivering Oxford University's admissions tests in October 2023. We are extremely grateful for your support with this aspect of our undergraduate admissions process and would like to extend our heartfelt thanks! We know that these admissions tests play an important part in our holistic selection process and provide invaluable information to tutors assessing applications from many outstanding students. Over the next few weeks, we will be in touch regularly to try and ensure you have all the information you need, so that both you and your registered students can feel confident about Oxford's admission tests.

Sources of information

All information for our authorised test centres is available in the following places:

1. [Oxford/TCS's test registration portal](#). You will have received your log in credentials to this platform when you became an authorised test centre.
2. Our [Information for schools, colleges and other test centres](#) webpage on [Oxford's Undergraduate Admissions website](#). This webpage includes information on:
 - registering students
 - preparing students
 - guidelines on centre preparation
 - guidelines on managing test days
 - test start times by location
 - test timetable
 - special consideration process
 - copies of our communications with test centres and registered students
3. This Oxford Test Centre bulletin
4. Our Oxford Admissions Tests playlist at youtube.com/@StudyAtOxford.

Oxford's online admissions tests

Any authorised test centre receiving this communication is qualified to deliver **any or all** of the tests listed below. Please note this includes the Geography Admissions test which is new this year.

1. CAT (Classics Admissions Test)
2. ELAT (English Literature Admissions Test)
3. [GAT \(Geography Admissions Test\) – new this year](#)
4. HAT (History Admissions Test)
5. MAT (Mathematics Admissions Test) – hybrid with printed answer booklet

6. MLAT (Modern Languages Admissions Test)
7. PAT (Physics Admissions Test for Physics, Engineering and Materials Science) - hybrid with printed answer booklet
8. Philosophy test (for Philosophy and Theology only).

Note: if you have candidates for the TSA or BMAT, you will need to be also an authorised centre for [Cambridge Assessment Admissions Testing](#)

Key information to note

This section of the bulletin aims to cover current topics and areas of particular concern or which we are aware may require clarification.

Candidate registration

Access arrangements

Special requirements can be requested as part of the registration process. The deadline is 29 September. Although Oxford tests are online this year, where the test platform cannot accommodate a particular requirement, modified printed papers and answer booklets will be available for those with evidence of need. Modified answer booklets will also be provided where needed for hybrid tests (PAT and MAT and MLAT (Russian and Modern Greek only)).

Bringing your own device (including Mac or Chromebooks)

It is expected that most students will take their test on their centre's devices but some candidates may need to bring their own computer. In order for a candidate to be eligible to do this, centres will need to demonstrate compliance with our agreed terms and conditions at the time of candidate registration. This includes ensuring that any brought device meets the required specification. Centres must also confirm at the time of registration that they have downloaded and shared in advance with the candidate, the document, Guidelines for bringing your own device available on the [test registration portal](#).

Registration notification

This notification goes direct to candidates almost instantly as soon as they are registered and includes their login credentials. To avoid any login issues on the test day, it is strongly recommended that candidate should login to the portal, change their password and verify their details as soon as possible. Candidates will use the same details on the day of the test to login to the testing platform. Exam officers can recover a candidate's credentials, if necessary.

Viewing and editing registered candidates

Centres can edit their list of registered candidates in the registration platform until 29 September (the deadline for candidate registration). You can view your registered candidates anytime between now and test day.

On test day

Test timetables and local start times

The online format of these tests means that they must be started at your given local start time. If helpful, information on time zones is available via the [Time and Date](#) website.

Test monitoring dashboard

Centres will be able to manage their candidates on test days via the test platform including checking IDs and managing security lock downs. Candidates can only start their test after the centres have marked them as present and allowed them to progress with their access to the testing platform. This means absent candidate will not be able to take the test, including on their own devices, without being authorised by the test centres on the day of the test(s). Please note we will shortly be producing a video explaining exactly how this dashboard will work and will give you more information about this aspect of test administration in forthcoming bulletins.

Contact details

Over the coming weeks, we intend to give you all the information you need to feel confident in administering our tests. We will also be sharing additional plans for support on test days. In the meantime, if you have any individual queries or concerns, please use the following email contacts:

- Oxford undergraduate admissions and outreach: study@ox.ac.uk
- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS): oxford.testcentresupport@tcs.com

Please do explore existing information (see all above) and check that the answer to your query is not already available before emailing.

We hope you have found this information useful and will be in touch again soon.

With very best wishes,

Undergraduate Admissions and Outreach, University of Oxford

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