



## Key dates for the MAT 2016

Registration opens: 1 September

Requests for access arrangements: By 30 September

### Registration deadline:

15 October by 18.00 BST

*This is the same date as the UCAS application deadline for the University of Oxford.*

Test date: 2 November



## Where can I find out more?

The MAT is developed and used by the University of Oxford, and administered by the Admissions Testing Service. Imperial College London also uses the test.

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### Admissions Testing Service

Admissions tests support:  
www.admissionstestingservice.org/help

About the MAT:  
www.admissionstestingservice.org/mat

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MATHEMATICS ADMISSIONS TEST

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University of Oxford & Imperial College London



Guide for students 2016

Register by 15 October 2016

## The Mathematics Admissions Test (MAT)

The MAT is used for entry to the following courses:

- by the University of Oxford, for undergraduate Mathematics or Computer Science courses, including joint degrees
- by Imperial College London, for all undergraduate courses in Mathematics.

See a full list of courses that require the MAT at:  
[www.admissionstestingservice.org/mat](http://www.admissionstestingservice.org/mat)

As well as being an entry requirement, taking the MAT is a chance for you to show that you have what it takes to succeed in your chosen subject.

Taking the test is only one part of the overall application process.

**Imperial College London uses the MAT for all of its undergraduate Mathematics course applicants.**

**Imperial College  
London**

## What's in the test?

The MAT is a 2-hour 30-minute written test. It includes some questions to test your mathematical ability, and, if applicable, questions to test your aptitude for Computer Science. Make sure you read the test instructions carefully, so you know which questions you need to answer.

The MAT aims to test the depth of your mathematical understanding, rather than the breadth of your knowledge. It has been designed to be approachable by all students, including those without Further Mathematics A Level or from other educational systems.

## When do I register for the MAT?

Your centre needs to register you by 15 October 2016, **separately from your UCAS application.**

As late registrations are not accepted, you need to ask your centre to register you for the MAT **well before the registration deadline.**

## When do I take the MAT?

You take the test on 2 November 2016.

## Where do I take the test?

You can take the test at any centre that administers the MAT.

If you are currently attending a school or college: ask your exams officer if the school can administer the MAT for you. If your school or college is not already registered as a centre, they can apply to become a test centre at:

[www.admissionstestingservice.org/become-a-centre](http://www.admissionstestingservice.org/become-a-centre)

Once they are a test centre, they will then need to register you as a test candidate separately.

If you are not attending a school or college: you will need to find an authorised test centre where you can sit the test. Authorised test centres can administer the MAT for all test-takers. Find your nearest test centre at:  
[www.admissionstestingservice.org/find-a-centre](http://www.admissionstestingservice.org/find-a-centre)

## How much does the test cost?

You don't need to pay a test entry fee. However, if using an Admissions Testing Service authorised centre, you may need to pay your test centre an administrative fee, so it's always best to check with your school/college first if they can administer the test.

## What if I need access arrangements?

You need to inform your test centre of any special requirements (e.g. diagnosed visual or learning difficulties) by 30 September 2016.

Your test centre will ask for full details and advise you on the arrangements which are available such as Braille or large-print papers, extra working time, or the use of a laptop or other physical aids.

## How do I prepare for the MAT?

Doing practice papers in timed conditions is an excellent way to prepare and gets you used to the test format and question style.

You can find specimen papers with sample answers, past papers and general guidance on the following University of Oxford websites:

- Mathematical Institute: [www.maths.ox.ac.uk](http://www.maths.ox.ac.uk)
- Department of Computer Science: [www.cs.ox.ac.uk/ug/apply](http://www.cs.ox.ac.uk/ug/apply)