

WITS STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES: NATIONAL BENCHMARK TESTS (NBTs) RESULTS

Effective 2026 for the 2027 academic intake

This Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) outlines faculty-specific requirements for the submission and consideration of the National Benchmark Tests (NBTs) results for applicants applying to Wits University for the 2027 academic intake.

1. Faculty of Health Sciences

- Pencil and Paper (venue-based) NBT results only will be considered for 2027 applicants who are currently completing Matric and have no previous NBT attempts.
- Applicants are advised to book a Pencil and Paper (venue-based) test session at an official NBT testing centre (via <http://www.nbt.ac.za/>) by 15 August 2026 for early application feedback.
- Online NBT results prior to 2025 will be considered, provided they are within the three-year validity period, and the applicant will not be rewriting the NBT in the current year.
- Applicants residing outside of South Africa may complete the Online NBT as there are no Pencil and Paper test venues located outside the borders of South Africa.
- NBT scores in the Basic range, as defined on the NBT website, will lead to an unsuccessful application for programmes in the Faculty of Health Sciences. Refer to the following link for the performance levels or benchmark categories:
<https://www.nbt.ac.za/content/interpreting-your-results>

2. All Other Faculties

For all other faculties and programmes excluding the Faculty of Health Sciences, the following rules apply:

- Both Online and Pencil and Paper (venue-based) NBT results will be considered.
- Applicants are advised to book a Pencil and Paper (venue-based) test session at an official NBT testing centre (via <http://www.nbt.ac.za/>) by 15 August 2026 for early application feedback.

Please refer to the following link for more details on the selection test requirements for the various programmes: <https://www.wits.ac.za/undergraduate/apply-to-wits/additional-requirements/>