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Where can I find out more?

About the PAT:

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Any updates or changes can be found on the PAT website.

Key dates for the PAT 2018

Registration opens:

1 September

Requests for modified question papers:

By 30 September

Registration deadline:

15 October by 18.00 BST

This is the same date as the UCAS application deadline

Test date:

31 October

Results:

The test is marked by the University of Oxford. You are not automatically sent your test results, but you may request your score as part of the usual University of Oxford feedback process.

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PHYSICS APITUDE TEST



The Physics Aptitude Test (PAT)

You need to take the PAT if you are applying to study any of the following undergraduate courses at the University of Oxford:

- Physics (F303)
- Physics and Philosophy (VF53)
- Engineering Science (various codes)
- Materials Science (FJ22).

As well as being an entry requirement, the PAT is a chance for you to demonstrate your potential to succeed on a demanding science-based university course.

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

What's in the test?

The PAT is a 2-hour paper, with questions on Physics and Mathematics for Physics.

Questions on:	Shows you can:
Mathematics for Physics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• demonstrate knowledge of elementary mathematics, algebra, calculus and elementary physics.
Physics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• demonstrate knowledge of mechanics, waves and optics, electricity and magnetism, the natural world, use of mathematics in a physical context and problem solving.

You can read more about the topics covered in the test by viewing the PAT syllabus on the Department of Physics website: www.physics.ox.ac.uk

Where do I take the PAT?

You must take the test at a registered test centre. Your school or college may already be a test centre – check with your Exams Officer. Please note, your school or college may charge an administration fee.

If you are not able to take the test at school or college, you need to find an authorised open test centre where you can take the test. These centres usually charge an administration fee.

admissionstestingservice.org/find-a-centre

If your school or college is not already registered as a centre, they can apply to become a test centre – even if you are the only person taking a test. The deadline for applications to become a centre is 30 September.

admissionstestingservice.org/become-a-centre

How and when do I register?

You need to be registered as a candidate by the test centre.

Please ask the Exams Officer at your centre to register you. Please also ask for your candidate entry number as proof that your registration is complete.

Your centre needs to register you by 15 October 2018. Registration opens on 1 September 2018, so speak to your centre as early as possible. As late registrations are not accepted, ask your centre to register you for the PAT **well before the registration deadline. This is done separately from your UCAS application.**

You must give your centre your name, date of birth and UCAS number exactly as they have been entered on your UCAS application.

How much does the test cost?

You don't need to pay a test entry fee but centres may charge an administration fee.

What if I need Access Arrangements?

Access Arrangements are available if you have a disability or special requirement, and are normally entitled to support for exams.

You need to inform your centre of any special requirements when they register you for the test. They will ask for full details and a copy of your medical evidence. Requests for modified question papers must be submitted by your centre by 30 September 2018.

How do I prepare for the PAT?

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 past papers and other resources on the Department of Physics website: www.physics.ox.ac.uk