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Where can I find out more?

About the pre-interview assessments:
admissionstestingservice.org/cam-assessments
cam.ac.uk/assessment

Admissions testing support:
admissionstestingservice.org/help

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Any updates or changes can be found on our website.

Key dates for 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

Assessment date:

31 October

Results:

BMAT – October, ELAT and TSA Section 1 results will be available to centres and candidates through our secure Results Online system. Please visit the BMAT – October, ELAT or TSA Cambridge sections of admissionstestingservice.org for results release dates.

For all other pre-interview assessments, feedback will normally be provided as part of the usual University of Cambridge feedback process.

University of Cambridge pre-interview assessments



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Guide for students 2018

Register by 15 October 2018

The pre-interview assessments for the University of Cambridge

For certain undergraduate courses at the University of Cambridge, you need to take a pre-interview assessment as part of your application. The courses currently using the pre-interview assessments are:

- Anglo-Saxon, Norse, and Celtic
- Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
- Chemical Engineering via Engineering/ Natural Sciences
- Economics
- Engineering
- English
- Geography
- History
- History and Modern Languages*
- History and Politics
- Human, Social, and Political Sciences
- Land Economy
- Medicine
- Natural Sciences
- Psychological and Behavioural Sciences
- Veterinary Medicine.

Check the University of Cambridge website for the latest information about which assessment your course requires: cam.ac.uk/assessment

The pre-interview assessment is only one part of the overall application process.

Assessment arrangements for mature applicants vary – please check the University of Cambridge website above for details.

Where do I take the assessment?

You must take the assessment 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 assessment at school or college, you need to find an authorised open test centre where you can take the assessment. 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 an assessment. 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 assessment **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 assessment cost?

If you are applying for Medicine, you are required to take the BioMedical Admissions Test (BMAT), for which you need to pay a registration fee.

admissionstestingservice.org/bmat

There is no registration fee for any of the other Cambridge pre-interview assessments 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 assessment. 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 assessment?

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

Content specifications and practice papers can be found on each individual course page of the University of Cambridge website.

Preparation materials for BMAT, the English Literature Admissions Test (ELAT), and the Thinking Skills Assessment: Section 1 (TSA S1) – for Land Economy – can be found on our website.

For links to all of these materials, visit:

admissionstestingservice.org/cam-assessments

[†] If you are taking BMAT – October, ask your centre to register you by the standard registration deadline of 1 October 2018. Late registrations for BMAT are accepted until 15 October 2018, but there is an additional fee for this. Alternatively, you can take BMAT – September; you register yourself for this test. Find out more at admissionstestingservice.org/bmat.

* If you are applying for History and Modern Languages, you will take both the History pre-interview assessment and the MML at-interview assessment.