

FAQs

The University of Oxford's History & Physics Aptitude Tests

History Aptitude Test (HAT) for entry to:

- ❖ History
- ❖ History (Ancient and Modern)
- ❖ History and Economics
- ❖ History and English
- ❖ History and Modern Languages
- ❖ History and Politics

Physics Aptitude Test (PAT) for entry to:

- ❖ Physics
- ❖ Physics and Philosophy
- ❖ all Engineering Science courses
- ❖ Engineering, Economics and Management (EEM)

What responsibilities do the University of Oxford and Cambridge Assessment have for HAT and PAT from 2011 onwards?

The relevant Faculty / Departments of the University of Oxford will continue to be responsible for:

- ❖ test development and setting the paper
- ❖ the marking and moderation process for test scripts
- ❖ for the History Aptitude Test: individual results feedback will be supplied to candidates on request.
- ❖ for the Physics Aptitude Test: for Physics courses, an overall report on the conduct of the test. The College to which the candidate applied will provide feedback on the test after the admissions process is complete, usually after Christmas.
- ❖ carrying out research into the tests' validity

Cambridge Assessment will be responsible for:

- ❖ allowing centres to register their candidates for the HAT and PAT via Cambridge Assessment's secure Entries Extranet
- ❖ providing access to Cambridge Assessment's 'open centre' network worldwide, for candidates who do not have a test centre where they can take the test
- ❖ printing and despatching the test papers
- ❖ collating and sorting returned test scripts
- ❖ assisting with marketing communications and customer support

When do these tests take place?

In 2011, the HAT and PAT will take place on Wednesday 2nd November, on the same date as some other University of Oxford undergraduate admissions tests such as the BMAT (BioMedical Admissions Test), ELAT (English Literature Admissions Test) and TSA (Thinking Skills Assessment) Oxford.

What will these changes mean for our centre?

For HAT and PAT in November 2011:

1. The candidate registration process will change. You will need to register your candidates for HAT and PAT using Cambridge Assessment's secure Entries Extranet, <https://www.entries.cambridgeassessment.org>, by the final registration deadline date given overleaf. The Entries Extranet is open for candidate entries from 1st September 2011.

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2. The secure despatch and return of test papers for HAT and PAT will be via Cambridge Assessment. This means that you will receive the test papers for HAT and PAT from Cambridge Assessment and return the completed test scripts to Cambridge Assessment.
3. Cambridge Assessment will be working with the University of Oxford to provide further telephone and email customer support, as well as publishing information for both centres and candidates in printed materials and on relevant websites, prior to the November 2011 test date.

How do I register my candidates?

If you are already registered to make BMAT, ELAT or TSA Oxford entries using Cambridge Assessment's secure Entries Extranet, your username and password will be the same for making HAT and PAT candidate entries.

If your centre is not already set up with a Cambridge Assessment Entries Extranet account, you will first need to register your centre prior to registering your candidates. Step-by-step instructions for registering your centre and registering candidates can be found on Cambridge Assessment's admissions tests website www.atsts.org.uk

What is the deadline for making candidate entries?

The final deadline for registering your candidates for HAT and PAT is Friday 14th October 2011 at 5pm BST.

Will there be a test entry fee?

Candidates will not be charged an entry fee for taking the HAT and PAT in November 2011. Please note, however, that some open centres may charge an administrative fee for organising and administering the tests on behalf of external candidates. This administrative fee normally covers the cost of invigilation, despatch costs and room hire, where applicable.

Do the changes to the HAT and PAT affect any other University of Oxford undergraduate admissions tests?

No, the changes regarding the registration of candidates and despatch and return of scripts via Cambridge Assessment apply to the History and Physics Aptitude Tests only, for entry to the courses listed above.

How do I find out more?

University of Oxford:

Admissions Information Centre:

tel: +44 (0)1865 288000

email: undergraduate.admissions@admin.ox.ac.uk

website: www.admissions.ox.ac.uk/tests

University of Oxford Faculty of History:

www.history.ox.ac.uk

University of Oxford Department of Physics:

www.physics.ox.ac.uk

Cambridge Assessment:

Further information on Cambridge Assessment's admissions tests website www.atsts.org.uk about the HAT and PAT will not be live until August 2011. Please contact us by email or telephone if you need any further information before this date.

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