

Scoring and Score Reporting

Specifying Score Recipients

Your initial test fee includes the following:

- One Personal Score Report

This report is mailed to you directly for your personal use (see Your Personal Score Report).

- Three Official Transcripts

These reports are sent to score recipients specified when you take the MAT. (Score recipients are those schools and other institutions that you designate to receive your MAT score.)

For up to three Official Transcripts to be mailed at no additional fee, the score recipients must be designated at the time of testing. However, you are not required to designate three schools, or any schools, when you take the MAT.

You will need to pay an additional Transcript Fee:

- If you want Official Transcripts sent to additional score recipients at a later time after you have taken the MAT
- If you indicate a school code incorrectly at the time of the test and you want an Official Transcript sent to the correct score recipient

Under no circumstances will you be able to delete a recipient school code indicated at the time of testing after the examination has been completed.

For more information about requesting additional Official Transcripts and the Transcript Fee, see Requesting Optional Services.

If you plan to have your scores sent to an institution other than a North American post-graduate institution, or have reason to believe that your institution may not be included in the list of codes, make sure you have the complete mailing address and department of that score recipient (often found on your graduate school application) with you when you report to take the MAT. You will be able to specify the mailing information for this institution on the day of testing. An incomplete address will cause your request to be deleted.

When you specify the score recipients, keep a record of the institutions you choose in case there is a problem in the mailing or handling of your request (see Requesting Optional Services).

How Your Test is Scored

Your answers to the items on the MAT are scored electronically, and the data are stored on computer files from which personal Score Reports and Official Transcripts are printed. Pearson understands the importance of your test results and uses computerized and manual quality control procedures, both during and after the scoring process, to ensure the accuracy of scores.

The information on your personal Score Report is the only information available to you about your results. Because of the need to maintain test security, Test Booklets are not made available for review, and Pearson does not provide a list of the questions you answered incorrectly or correctly.

The No Score Option

Should you decide while taking the MAT that you do not want the score you earn reported to anyone, you will be able to request that your test not be scored by choosing the No Score Option. You will be instructed about how to exercise this option at the CTC before the test begins.

If you choose the No Score Option, your score will not be reported to any score recipients, and there will be no reportable record of your having taken the MAT. You will be sent a Retest Admission Ticket and a blank personal Score Report.

The No Score Option request is irrevocable, and the fees you paid will not be refunded. Any later request to score your test and report your scores will not be honored.

The MAT Scores

Your personal Score Report will provide you with the scaled score and percentile ranks you earned on the MAT. Your scaled score and percentile ranks are derived from your raw score—the number of items you answered correctly. Because there are multiple test forms of the MAT (each with a unique set of items) and the MAT is currently given in two formats (paper-and-pencil and computer-based), there may be slight variations in the level of difficulty between the MAT tests.

For this reason, a given raw score for two different test forms, or for the same form in different formats, may not always have precisely the same meaning. To compensate for these slight variations, Pearson converts all MAT examinees' raw scores to scores on a common scale (scaled scores) based on the performance of the current norm group. The norm group consists of examinees who took the MAT for the first time from January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2007.

This reporting method makes it possible to compare the MAT scaled scores of one test form to another and from one format to another. The MAT scaled scores currently range from 200 to 600 with a mean (average) of approximately 400. The percentile ranks on your personal Score Report indicate the percentage of examinees in the norm group who received a scaled score lower than yours. Percentile ranks range from 1 to 99.

There is no passing scaled score or percentile rank established or recommended by Pearson for the MAT. Score recipient schools and institutions have their own standards, and these standards vary. A score interpreted as acceptable by one institution may be seen as unacceptable by another. In addition, the weight that schools place on MAT scores varies from institution to institution. A MAT score is only one of a number of factors used to select candidates for admission to graduate school programs. For more information on MAT scores, see www.MillerAnalogies.com under "Scoring FAQs."

Your Personal Score Report

Regardless of which version of the MAT you take, your personal Score Report will be mailed to you approximately 10–15 business days from the date that Pearson receives your test. See Figure 2 for an example of a personal Score Report that is similar to the one you will receive.

The high volume of mail during holiday seasons may delay the delivery of personal Score Reports during that time of year. Pearson is not responsible for delayed, lost, or misdirected mail. Pearson is not responsible for any claims or damages resulting from the delayed transmission of test

scores for any reason whatsoever. Under no circumstances will scores be reported over the phone, emailed, or faxed.

If you take the MAT CBT, you will receive a Preliminary Score Report upon completion of the test. The scores displayed on this report are still pending verification by Pearson and therefore the Preliminary Score Report is not official and cannot be presented to schools as a substitute for an Official Transcript. Examinees are never sent Official Transcripts.

The personal Score Report is for your information only and cannot be used as a substitute for an Official Transcript.


PEARSON Pearson 19500 Bulverde Road San Antonio, Texas 78259 800123456789	SCORE REPORT MILLER ANALOGIES TEST	 MAT™ MILLER ANALOGIES TEST
Scaled Score: 424 Percentile for Intended Major: 85 Percentile for Total Group: 84	Official Transcripts sent to the following schools:	UNIVERSITY OF CITY STATE UNIVERSITY STATE COLLEGE–SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
Information about this Score Report is located in the MAT Candidate Information Booklet and at www.milleranalogies.com . Pearson does not provide a Scaled Score to Raw Score conversion. FIRST M. LAST	Test Date: 1/10/2009 Test Attempts: 2	Scaled Score = standardized scores based on items answered correctly and test form difficulty Percentile = % of examinees from the current norm group earning lower than a given score
THIS IS NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT		
Scores based on normative data copyright © 2008 by NCS Pearson, Inc. All rights reserved.	PROCESS NO. 00MILLER-07100-8	

Figure 2 Sample Personal Score Report

Personal Information

Your name is listed on your Personal Score Report, exactly as you indicated it on the Answer Booklet or the online registration form. Directly under the Pearson address, the number 800 followed by your Social Security number (American) or Social Insurance number (Canadian) appears—“800123456789” in Figure 2. The prefix 800 indicates that you took the MAT.

Scaled Score

The scaled scores for the MAT are based on the number of test items answered correctly (see The MAT Scores). In Figure 2, the examinee’s scaled score is 424.

Percentile for Intended Major

A percentile rank indicates the percentage of the norm group that received a scaled score lower than a given score. Percentile ranks are calculated separately for examinees from each intended major field. In Figure 2, a percentile of 85 is listed for the intended major. This indicates that the examinee received a MAT scaled score that was higher than 85% of the examinees from the norm group who indicated the same intended major.

Percentile for Total Group

The total group percentile ranks an examinee's performance relative to the entire MAT norm group. In Figure 2, a Percentile for Total Group of 84 indicates that the examinee received a MAT scaled score higher than 84% of all the examinees that comprised the norm group.

Transcript Recipients

The schools and other institutions that you designated to receive your Official Transcripts are listed. In Figure 2, the examinee had scores sent to the University of City, State University, and State College—School of Education.

Test Date and Test Attempts

The date on which you took the MAT and the number of times you have taken the test in the last five years are listed. In Figure 2, the examinee took the MAT for the second time on January 10, 2009.

Official Transcripts

All Official Transcripts, whether for paper-and-pencil or CBT versions of the MAT, will be sent directly from Pearson to each recipient school requested. It is your responsibility to make sure that the recipient schools have received your Official Transcripts.

The Official Transcripts list all the information that appears on your personal Score Report, except for the names of other institutions that will receive your test scores. The Official Transcripts also include all MAT scores you earned during the previous five years (unless you selected the No Score Option at the time of testing).

Ongoing Research

Pearson periodically uses MAT data for research purposes, such as investigating trends and creating new MAT test forms. It is possible that your MAT demographic and score information will be used for research purposes. By taking the MAT, you give permission for Pearson to use your demographic and score information for research purposes.

Score Cancellations

Pearson is responsible for reporting scores that accurately reflect the performance of examinees. For this reason, Pearson adheres to a set of test administration and test security standards that requires the review of all MAT scores and administrative conditions.

The admission of an examinee to a MAT testing session or an examinee's completion of the test does not guarantee that the test results will be scored and reported. Pearson reserves the right to cancel any scores for any reason if they are believed to have been obtained in a questionable manner.

The cancellation of an examinee's MAT scores as a result of the policies described in this section in no way suggests that cheating or any other inappropriate action has occurred. A score invalidation is a technicality that may be an inconvenience for both the examinee and Pearson, but it is necessary in order to maintain the integrity of the test and to ensure that MAT scores are as accurate and as reflective of each examinee's ability as possible.

Regardless of the reason for a score cancellation, the affected examinee is notified on the personal Score Report that his or her most recent MAT score has been cancelled. All score cancellations are held in strict confidence, with the reason for the cancellation disclosed only to the examinee. An examinee whose scores are cancelled may apply to take the MAT again, and all applicable fees must be paid. Any such request to take the MAT again will be evaluated by Pearson with consideration of the reason the score was cancelled (see Score Cancellation Appeals Process, or www.MillerAnalogies.com under "Taking the MAT—Scoring and Score Reporting," for more information).

Possible Reasons for Score Cancellations

Pearson may cancel MAT scores for any of the following reasons:

- No Retest Admission Ticket
- MAT Form Repetition
- Group or Individual Testing Irregularity
- Questionable Item Responses or Unusual Answer Patterns
- Questionable Score Gain

No Retest Admission Ticket

If an examinee did not submit the most recent Retest Admission Ticket to the CTC where he or she retook the paper-and-pencil version of the MAT, his or her test score will be voided and the Test Fees will not be refunded.

MAT Form Repetition

If an examinee took the same form of the MAT more than once within a 12-month period, his or her test score will be voided and the Test Fees will not be refunded. If a form repetition violation

is not discovered until after scores have been sent out, Pearson will invalidate those scores and notify the examinee and any score recipients of the invalidation.

Group or Individual Testing Irregularity

Testing irregularities are problems that occur during a test administration. These irregularities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Computer problems during MAT CBT
- Creating a disturbance (such as talking during testing, letting a cell phone ring during testing, or any other action deemed disruptive by CTC staff)
- Defective test materials
- Disruptions to a test administration (such as a power loss or a natural disaster)
- Failure to comply with test administration regulations or with directions given by the Test Administrator or Proctor
- Failure to sign the MAT Answer Booklet
- Having prohibited materials in the testing room
- Inappropriate seating or timing
- Misconduct
- Misrepresentation of identity
- Receiving or providing assistance of any kind during the test
- Removing test materials from the testing room
- Unauthorized access to test contents

Violating any other test administration policies established by Pearson, as described in this Candidate Information Booklet or on the MAT website, could also result in score cancellation.

When a testing irregularity occurs, Pearson will examine the situation and determine whether corrective action is warranted, including cancellation of scores. If Pearson offers a retest and the examinee chooses that option, the examinee must retake the entire examination in order to produce a valid score. These are the only options available to examinees affected by a testing irregularity.

Questionable Item Responses or Unusual Answer Patterns

An examinee's scores may be cancelled for any of the following reasons:

- An examinee answered too few test items to obtain a legitimate score.
- An examinee chose a disproportionate amount of one answer option compared to the other options (for example, chose mostly "A" responses).
- Two examinees who took the MAT at the same CTC have unusual similarities in responses.

Pearson will examine each situation and, at its sole discretion, will determine what corrective action is warranted. When Pearson decides to cancel test scores for reasons of questionable item responses or unusual answer patterns, the examinee is notified on his or her personal Score Report. The examinee can appeal the decisions (see Score Cancellation Appeals Process).

Questionable Score Gain

An examinee's MAT test results will be cancelled if both the scaled score and Total Group percentile rank earned on the most recent MAT form are 50 points or greater than the highest scaled score and Total Group percentile rank reported on a MAT form taken within the previous 12 months (not including test events where the No Score option was chosen or other score invalidation occurred).

The affected examinee will be notified of the score cancellation on his or her personal Score Report, and he or she can appeal the decision (see Score Cancellation Appeals Process). After an appeal, Pearson may offer the examinee a Free Retest. If the examinee chooses to retake the MAT, the examinee must take the Free Retest within 30 days of the date that it is offered.

If, on the Free Retest, the examinee's scores are within 25 scaled score and 13 percentile rank points above or below the scores earned on the Score Gain Test, the scores on the Free Retest will be released and reported. If the scores are not within those parameters, no scores will be released or reported. Under no circumstances will scores from the Score Gain Test ever be reported.

Score Cancellation Appeals Process

An appeal is not allowed for an examinee whose scores are cancelled due to a group or individual testing irregularity. An examinee whose MAT scores have been cancelled due to questionable item responses, unusual answer patterns, or a questionable score gain may contact PSE Customer Relations within 60 days of the MAT test date in question to discuss the available options (see Customer Relations).

If, after contacting PSE Customer Relations, the examinee is offered the option to submit an explanation, he or she will have 30 days from the time of the offer to respond. If the examinee chooses to appeal the score cancellation, the examinee must submit documentation (via email, mail, or fax) as evidence to support the legitimacy of the scores within 30 days of the date that Pearson offers this option.

The documentation submitted will be reviewed by Pearson within 30 days of the time the appeal is received, and the examinee will be notified regarding a determination.

If the appeal is accepted, Pearson will notify the examinee and release the appropriate scores depending on the reason for the invalidation.

If the appeal is denied, Pearson will notify the examinee that the scores will remain cancelled. Depending on the individual case, Pearson may offer other options to the examinee.

If the examinee takes no action at all within 60 days of the test date in question or fails to submit documentation to support an appeal within 30 days of being offered this opportunity, the MAT scores will remain cancelled, and no further options will be offered to the examinee.