

Scoring and Score Reporting

How Your Test Is Scored

Your answers to the items on the MAT are scored electronically, and the data are stored securely and are used to generate Official Score Reports and Official Transcripts. 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 Official Score Report is the only information available to you about your results. Pearson does not provide a list of the questions you answered incorrectly or correctly, due to the need to maintain test security.

The MAT Scores

Your Official 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 MAT test forms (each with a unique set of items), there may be slight variations in the level of difficulty between the MAT forms.

For this reason, a given raw score for two different test forms may not always have precisely the same meaning. To compensate for these slight variations, Pearson statistically converts all MAT candidates' raw scores to scores on a common scale called scaled scores.

This reporting method makes it possible to compare the MAT scaled scores of one test form to another. The MAT scaled scores currently range from 200 to 600 with a mean (average) of approximately 400. The percentile ranks on your Official Score Report indicate the percentage of candidates in the current norm group who received a scaled score lower than yours. The current norm group consists of candidates who took the MAT for the first time between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2019. Percentile ranks range from 1 to 99.

Pearson does not establish a passing scaled score or percentile rank 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 "[Scoring FAQs](#)" on the MAT website.



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The Official Score Report and Official Transcripts will be mailed approximately 10 to 15 business days from the date that you take the test.

Preliminary Score Report

Upon completion of the MAT at a CTC, you will receive a Preliminary Score Report if you chose the option to have the test scored. Because the scores displayed on this report are still pending verification by Pearson, the Preliminary Score Report is not official.

Official Score Report

After your scores are verified, you will receive an Official Score Report with your MAT scaled score and percentile ranks and a list of recipient schools indicated at the time the test was taken.

The Official Score Report is for your information only and cannot be used as a substitute for an Official Transcript. Official Transcripts are never sent directly to candidates.

If you take the MAT shortly before or during the holiday season, the high volume of mail may delay the delivery of your Official Score Report. 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 or emailed.

Official Transcripts

All Official Transcripts will be mailed 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 Official Score Report, except for the names of other institutions that will receive your test scores. The Official Transcripts also include MAT scores earned within the previous five years (unless you selected the “Do Not Process This Score” button at the time of testing).



Score Cancellation

Pearson is responsible for reporting scores that accurately reflect the performance of candidates. 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 a candidate to a MAT testing session or a candidate'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 a candidate'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 candidate and Pearson, but it is necessary to maintain the integrity of the test and to ensure that MAT scores are as accurate and as reflective of each candidate's ability as possible.

Regardless of the reason for a score cancellation, the affected candidate is notified on the Official Score Report that his or her most recent MAT score has been canceled. All score cancellations are held in strict confidence, with the reason for the cancellation disclosed only to the candidate. A candidate whose scores are canceled 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 canceled (see "Score Cancellation Appeals Process" or "[Scoring and Score Reporting](#)" in this booklet or on the MAT website for more information).

Possible Reasons for Score Cancellation

Pearson may cancel MAT scores due to a group or individual testing irregularity. Testing irregularities are problems that occur during a test administration. These irregularities include, but are not limited to:

- Computer problems during testing
- A disturbance (such as talking during testing, a cell phone ringing during testing, or any other action deemed disruptive by CTC staff)
- 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



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- 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
- 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 your score is canceled because of a testing irregularity, Pearson may offer you a chance to retest. If you choose that option, you must retake the entire examination to produce a valid score. This is the only option available if your score is canceled because of a testing irregularity.

Score Cancellation Appeals Process

If your scores have been canceled, you may appeal the decision by contacting MAT Customer Relations within 60 days of the MAT test date in question (see “MAT Customer Relations” in this booklet or “[Contact Information](#)” on the MAT website).

If, after contacting MAT Customer Relations, you are offered the option to submit an explanation, you will have 30 days from the time of the offer to respond. If you choose to appeal the score cancellation, you must submit documentation (via email) 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 you will be notified regarding a determination.

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

If your appeal is denied, Pearson will notify you that your scores will remain canceled. Depending on the individual case, Pearson may offer you other options.

If you take no action at all within 60 days of your test date in question or fail to submit documentation to support your appeal within 30 days of being offered this opportunity, your MAT scores will remain canceled, and no further options will be offered to you.