

# Scoring FAQs

## **What is the passing score on the *Miller Analogies Test* (MAT)?**

Pearson does not set a passing score for the MAT. Each school has its own standards. For this information, contact the school or schools to which you are applying.

## **May I take the MAT again?**

You may take the MAT again by applying for another test date and paying the test fee. The *MAT Candidate Information Booklet* and the MAT website ([www.MillerAnalogies.com](http://www.MillerAnalogies.com)) provide instructions for applying to a Controlled Testing Center. However, you may want to check with the school or schools to which you are applying for registration to see if they have a policy concerning scores from repeat exams.

## **Do all the items count? Are there any experimental questions or sections?**

There are some experimental items on the MAT. However, because you will not know which items count toward your scores and which do not, you should do your best and answer every item.

## **How long does Pearson keep scores on file?**

MAT scores are kept on file for 5 years from your testing date.

## **Are my scores derived by comparing them to the other students who took the exam on the same date as me?**

Your percentile rank scores are based on the current norm group each time you take the MAT. The current norm group is defined as all first-time candidates who took the test between January 1, 2012, and December 31, 2015. Your scaled scores are based on the number of core (non-experimental) items that you answered correctly.

## **Why might a candidate's percentile ranks appear different for a given scaled score on the Official Score Report now than on a previous Official Score Report?**

Scaled scores for the MAT are always reported on a scale of 200–600 and are always based on the number of core items answered correctly. Percentile ranks (PR) range from 1 to 99 and indicate a candidate's performance relative to the current MAT norm group. PRs earned before January 2017 were based on the previous norm group (all first-time candidates from January 1, 2008, through December 31, 2011). For this reason, a percentile rank may now be different for a given scaled score. For reporting purposes, on all Official Transcripts sent to schools and on duplicate or replacement Official Score Reports sent to candidates, percentile ranks obtained before January 2017 have been converted to the equivalent current percentile ranks. This means that all candidates' percentile ranks are being compared on the same ruler, no matter when a candidate took the MAT.

**If I have a MAT scaled score of 407 and a percentile rank of 69, what does this really mean?**

Scaled scores for the MAT are always on a scale of 200–600 and are based on the number of core items correct. Experimental items do not count towards your score. A percentile rank indicates the percentage of candidates from the current norm group who received a scaled score lower than a given score. For example, a percentile rank of 69 indicates that 69% of the candidates in the norm group received a lower MAT scaled score than 407.

**What should I do if I want my scores reported to a school that I did not list when I took the test?**

The MAT *Candidate Information Booklet* and the MAT website ([www.MillerAnalogies.com](http://www.MillerAnalogies.com)) include complete information about requesting additional Official Transcripts, including the required fees.

**What do I do if my scores were cancelled?**

To determine what you can do if your MAT scores are invalidated, please refer to the MAT *Candidate Information Booklet* available in printed copy or on the MAT website ([www.MillerAnalogies.com](http://www.MillerAnalogies.com)).

**Does Pearson provide any MAT preparation materials?**

Yes. Currently, three MAT Practice Tests are available on the MAT website ([www.MillerAnalogies.com](http://www.MillerAnalogies.com)) that include explanations for the correct answer to each analogy item. All of the Practice Tests consist of 100 multiple-choice analogy items. Like the actual MAT, all of the Practice Tests require you to use both subject matter knowledge and analytical skills to solve problems stated as analogies. A free MAT Study Guide is also available on the MAT website, with explanations and examples of the types of analogy items that you can expect to find on the MAT.