

Admission tests for law degrees

In Scotland, admission tests are used by some universities as part of the application process for law degrees. The information that follows outlines what these tests are and where you can find more details.

The Law National Aptitude Test (LNAT)

This is the test used by some universities as part of the entry requirements to law degrees. Currently, the only university in Scotland to use this is the University of Glasgow.

Like UCAT, this test isn't concerned with your academic knowledge. Rather, it assesses your aptitude for the skills needed to study law.

Test format

LNAT consists of two sections.

Section A is a computer-based multiple choice exam, which involves reading passages of text and then answering questions on your understanding of them. You have 95 minutes to complete this section. You are given a mark out of 42 and this is referred to as your LNAT score.

Section B involves writing an essay from a list of three subjects. You are given 40 minutes to complete it. This section isn't marked by the test centre, so doesn't contribute to your LNAT score, but it is used by the university to see your ability to construct persuasive arguments and draw conclusions.

Important dates

You need to sit the LNAT test in the UCAS year in which you are applying to the university and you can only sit the test once in that period, or cycle.

The important dates for 2019-20 cycle, for entry to university in autumn 2020, (for all universities except Oxford) are:

- registration for and booking the test - 1 August 2019 to 15 January 2020
- UCAS application deadline - 15 January 2020
- sitting the test - 1 September 2019 to 20 January 2020.

There are other deadlines in July 2020 for late applications, but these usually only apply to international applicants.

The fee for sitting the test is £50.

Results

If you sit the test on or before 20 January 2020 you receive your results mid February. For dates after that, you will

receive your results in early August.

Starting on 21 October 2019, the first batch of results (for tests taken between 1 September and 20 October) are released to the universities. Following that date, your LNAT score and essay are made available to your chosen universities within 24 hours of you completing the test. They see your score before you do.

More information

The [LNAT website](#) has more detailed information, including what to do if you:

- want to apply for a bursary to cover the test fee
- require any exam access arrangements
- reschedule your test.