

ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS

All exams listed below apply to undergraduate degree applicants only, with the exception of the Hebrew and English Proficiency Exams, which must be taken by both undergraduate and graduate degree candidates.

Preliminary Remarks

- Applicants are requested to be in the examination hall half an hour before the beginning of the examination.
- Applicants should bring their registration acknowledgment form (if they have already received it) and an identification document (including a photograph, date of birth and identity number). Regarding the Psychometric Entrance Examination, the Hebrew and English Proficiency Exams, and the Mathematics Placement Exam, applicants should act according to the instructions on the invitation form for the exam.

Please note:

Applicants must make certain that the identity number written on the registration form for the Psychometric Examination and the identity number written on the registration form for the other exams is identical to the number on the application form for Tel Aviv University.

Discrepancies between these numbers may delay acceptance procedures.

English Placement Examination

- All candidates required to take the Psychometric Examination must also take the English Placement section of the Psychometric Exam, even if the candidate is already exempted from English. (Please see the section, "Division of Foreign Languages", page 8). The grade attained will in no way cancel the candidate's exemption. As with the Psychometric Examination, the English score, within the framework of the Psychometric, SAT, or the Amir exam, is valid for ten years. In cases where there is more than one score in English, the higher level will be taken into consideration.
- Candidates for the master's degree, holding a B.A. from abroad (except from institutions where the language of instruction is English and are located in an English Speaking country) and undergraduate applicants who are exempted from the Psychometric Entrance examination (see the Hebrew Admissions booklet) must

take the English Placement Exam Amir (exam No. 3). There are no limitations on the number of times the Amir exam may be repeated (see “Knowledge of English”, page 27).

Registration forms for the Amir exam may be purchased at the University’s bookstore. From abroad please contact NITE: www.nite.org.il.

Hebrew Proficiency Examination

The Hebrew Proficiency Exam is given immediately following the Psychometric Entrance Exam in April and July 2010 in Israel, for candidates who take the Psychometric Exam in a language other than Hebrew. No additional individual notices are sent out for these candidates.

The Hebrew Exam will also be given separately on July 1/2, 2010, September 2, 2010 and December 5, 2010, in Israel, for candidates who did not pass it before or have not taken this exam. There will be a special charge for those who take the separate exam.

Candidates who took the Psychometric Exam abroad and who must take the Hebrew Proficiency Exam are entitled to take it in Israel on the separate dates mentioned above. There is no additional charge for these candidates.

Those who did not take the Hebrew exam immediately after the Psychometric Exam must register for the separate exam. Please see the examination schedule that follows for further details.

The Hebrew Proficiency Exam will also be given in the United States. Candidates residing in the U.S. or Canada who wish to take the exam in New York or Los Angeles are requested to contact:

American Friends of Tel-Aviv University
360 Lexington Ave., New York, NY 10017
Tel (212) 557-5820, (800) 665-9828

Candidates may take this exam in the U.S. during March/April, May, June, and July 2010.

Psychometric Entrance Examination

The National Institute for Testing and Evaluation (NITE) administers the Psychometric Examination for candidates for undergraduate studies of all Israeli universities.

Examination Outside of Israel

NITE plans to administer the examination in several cities abroad in Europe, North America, and South America, depending upon demand.

Registration for exams that take place in Europe ends on March 4, 2010 and in the U.S. on March 4, 2010. Registration for examinations in South America ends on May 20, 2010.

The exam will be held in Europe (Paris, Marseille) and in the U.S. (New York) in April. In South America not before June 2010. Exact dates will be sent to applicants. Exams given abroad during April and June are considered part of the April session in Israel.

Registration Instructions

In order to register for the examination, applicants in Israel are requested to purchase the registration kit, which includes a registration form, a page of registration instructions, and a guide booklet with necessary information about the structure of the exam and the way scores are calculated. Kits may be purchased at university bookstores (Dyonon at Tel Aviv University, located in the Mitchell Student Center), from the Steimatzky chain of book shops, other main bookstores. From abroad please contact nite: www.nite.org.il.

The forms are available in Hebrew, English, French, Arabic, Russian and Spanish.

Applicants who wish to be examined abroad are requested to apply directly to NITE to obtain a registration form.

Registration for the examination is made directly through NITE and not through the academic institutions.

Those taking the exam abroad must return the completed registration form by air mail to:

National Institute for Testing and Evaluation – NITE
Overseas Examinations – Registration Center

P.O. Box 26015

Jerusalem 91260, Israel

Tel. 02-6759555, Fax: 02-6759543.

Email: public@nite.org.il

Website: <http://www.nite.org.il>

It is possible to apply online only from Israel and in Hebrew through our website: www.nite.org.il

accompanied by a bank check for \$180 or 125 euro made out to: National Institute for Testing and Evaluation – NITE.

The final registration dates for the various sessions in Israel are indicated on the registration form. Registration forms that reach NITE after registration closes will be transferred to the next session.

Re-testing

Candidates may take the Psychometric Examination several times, but not later than the dates specified in time-table (see page 30-31), and provided that it is not taken on two consecutive sessions.

Validity of Scores

Examination scores are valid for ten years. The results of October 2000 are the earliest valid scores for the 2010/11 academic year. Candidates taking the examination more than once (subject to the above restriction) will be evaluated by Tel Aviv University according to the best result.

Exams for Students with Disabilities

Examinees with medical or physical limitations, or learning disorders may request from NITE to be examined under suitable conditions: this option is open for exams no. 1, 3, and 4 in the examination schedule. For details see the NITE Registration Kit.

Test Results

Results will be automatically sent to all the examinees and to the universities in Israel. For details see the Hebrew information booklet.

Candidates may check their results in the NITE website starting 4 weeks after taking the exam. The results will be available on the website for one month.

Examination Language

The examination will be offered in the following languages: Hebrew, French, Spanish, Arabic, Russian, and a combined Hebrew-English version. It is advised, when possible, that candidates take the examination in their mother tongue.

A combined Hebrew-English version is offered for candidates whose mother tongue is English or

For examinees from abroad, the form must be candidates who know English or Hebrew better than other languages. The exam questions are in both Hebrew and English. Various words are translated into several other languages.

Psychometric Exams in the foreign languages Russian and Combined Hebrew-English take place twice a year, in March/April and July. The exams in French and Spanish take place only once a year, in July. The exam in Arabic takes place four times this year, in March/April, July, September and December.

Preparation for the Exam

Recent surveys indicate that in preparing for the exam, the greatest benefit is derived from various forms of self-study, especially exercise books and practice tests. The guide to be found in the test kit includes all the necessary information about the structure of the test and its various sections as well as information about how scores are calculated and their meaning. The guide includes a sample of questions, solutions and explanations, and a complete test together with an appendix that enables the examinee to calculate the total and sectional scores. A careful study of the guide and practice of the various exercises in it are excellent ways of preparing for the test.

Applicants may contact NITE in order to purchase collections from former exams in English, Russian, French, and Spanish.

Professional courses in English and Mathematics may assist examinees lacking knowledge in these subjects.

Cheating on the Test

Any incident that disrupts fair conduct in the admissions process, such as copying on the test or posing as someone else, is regarded as fraud. Because this kind of fraud can lead to the acceptance of unsuitable applicants at the expense of more deserving candidates, NITE has devised ways of detecting instances of fraud and reserves the right to refuse to test a person or to disqualify a test, if there is a suspicion that the person has committed an offense related to the test's confidentiality or in an instance where the performance on the exam or the result do not reflect the real ability of the examinee.

Remember: Impersonating someone (for example, when a person sends someone else to be tested in his place) is a criminal offense. Such offenses result in the filing of a complaint with the police, and with the disciplinary committees of the various educational institutions.

This information is relevant to Exams no. 1-4 in the examination schedule.

Summons for re-testing

In cases where the reliability of the test is in question, at any time or for any reason, including the reasons stated above, the processing of the test is halted and the examinee is summoned in writing to re-take the test at the NITE offices in Jerusalem. Usually the examinee will be summoned to re-take the test within six weeks of the original exam but a later summons may also occur. Only after re-testing will NITE make a decision regarding further processing of the test.