



IBT

International Benchmark Tests



The IEB, in partnership with the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER), offers schools the opportunity to participate in the International Benchmark Tests for Grades 3–10. ACER is an established player in global research and assessment activities. The IBTs are a series of skills-based tests in English, Mathematics, Reasoning and Science. They are not tied to a specific curriculum but are rather designed to assess deep conceptual understanding. As part of its strategy to ensure that learners receiving a South African education remain globally competitive, the IEB offers South African schools the opportunity to participate in these multiple-choice assessments every October.

ACER's tests are valid, reliable and sound in respect of test design theory. The tests are designed to measure and recognise a learner's performance in a range of skills that underpin learning. Each test caters for a range of ability levels within a class group and the tests are based on an assessment model that enables results to be directly linked to a learner's learning in the classroom.

In addition, *ibt@home* offers individual learners the opportunity to write a uniquely generated test on request at any time of the year. The *ibt@home* option is available in English, Mathematics and Science and is ideally suited to the home-schooler or to schools who wish to use the test to assist in learner placement. This suite of assessments is only available online.

- Schools can use the information to compare their individual learner and class performance with others within the school or around the world.
- Teachers can use the information provided in the group reports from the programme to guide them in their teaching. The detailed group reports provide teachers with rich diagnostic information.
- Learners can use the individual report on their performance to identify their own strengths and weaknesses in key concepts and skills, enabling them to focus their efforts to improve.
- Parents can monitor their child's performance and progress through an independent and internationally recognised tool.

The cost per assessment per learner is:

	Paper-based Tests	Online Tests
IEB Registered Schools (Grades 3–10)	R234,00	R158,00
Non-IEB Registered Schools (Grades 3–10)	R268,00	R193,00
<i>ibt@home</i> (Grades 3–10)	–	R158,00

If you are interested in being part of this year's cohort, please contact ibt@ieb.co.za. The closing date for registrations is 3 June 2024.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs S Nundkumar at nundkumars@ieb.co.za.