



# Expression of interest in IEB and ACER partnership for International Benchmark Tests from Grade 3 to Grade 10 in 2021

The IEB in partnership with Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) is offering International Benchmark tests in 2021 as part of its strategy to ensure that learners that receive a South African education remain globally competitive. ACER is an established player in global research and assessment activities and their IBTs have been designed to offer a global programme of tests in the areas of English, Mathematics, Reasoning and Science. The IEB is again offering the opportunity to South African schools to participate in the programme.

Tests are available from Grade 3 to Grade 10 in English, Mathematics and Reasoning from Grade 3 to Grade 8 in Science.

- The cost for participating in the Grades 3 to 7 tests in 2021 will be R200 (paper based) and R135 (computer based) per learner per subject test for *psi* registered schools.
- R230 (paper based) and R165 (computer based) for non-*psi* registered schools.
- The cost for schools participating in the Grades 8 to 10 tests will be R200 (paper based) and R135 (computer based) per learner per subject test.

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 the teaching of each of the subject areas. 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.

The service provides for an internationally recognised data analysis and reporting service.

- ✘ 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.
- ✘ Schools can use the information to compare their individual learner and class performance with others within the school or around the world.
- ✘ 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.
- ✘ If you are interested in being part of this year's cohort, please contact Zodwa Nsibande at [ibt@ieb.co.za](mailto:ibt@ieb.co.za). The closing date for registrations is 1 June 2021.
- ✘ If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact Mrs S Nundkumar at [nundkumars@ieb.co.za](mailto:nundkumars@ieb.co.za).

Looking forward to working with you in the interest of providing South African learners with a globally benchmarked education!