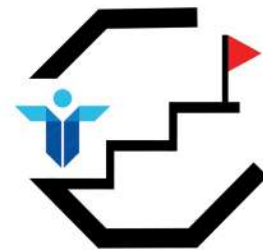


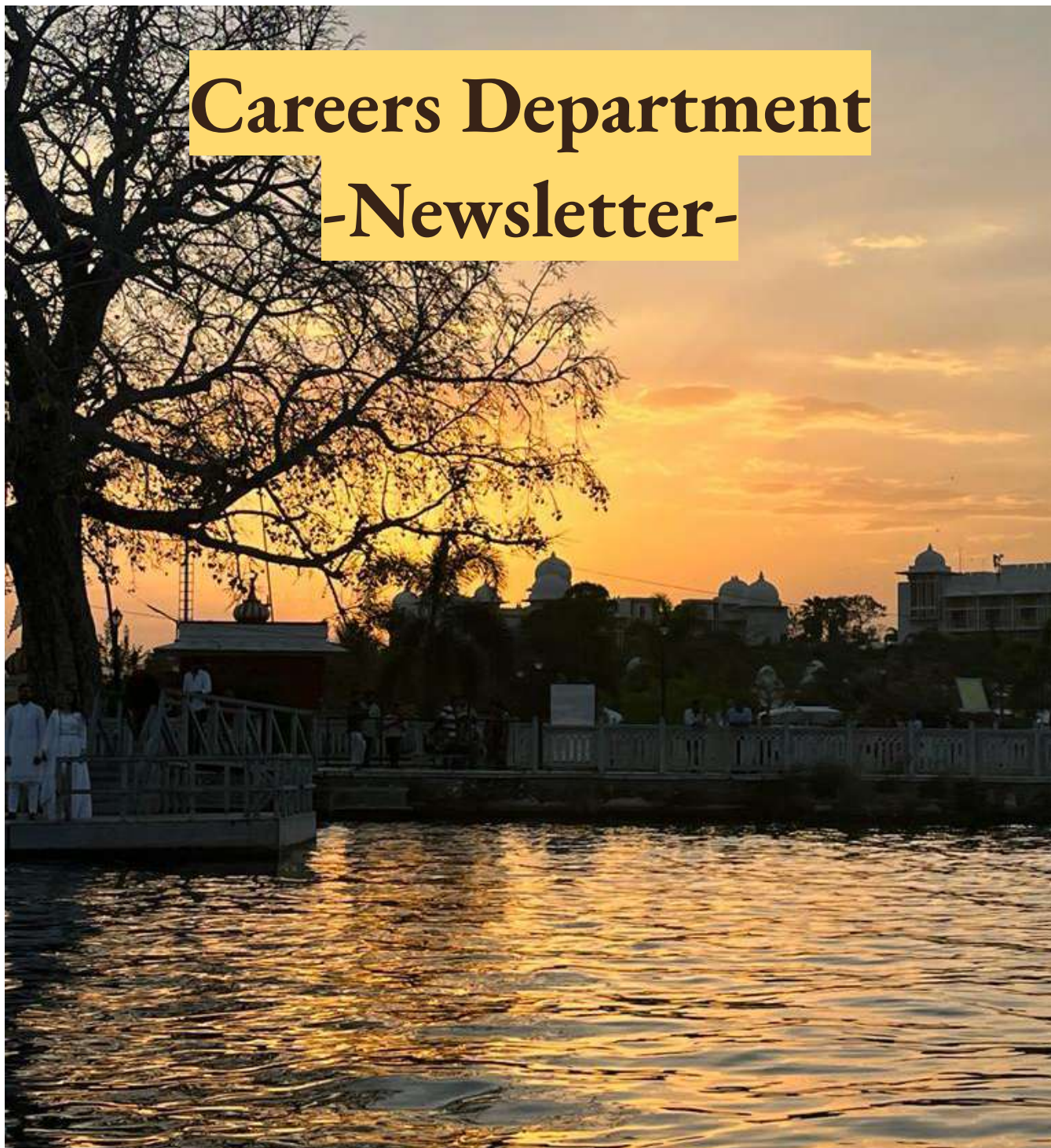


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## Careers Department -Newsletter-



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# EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Students,

We present to you the 14th edition of our Careers Department newsletter, which brings you a lot of information. Just buckle up and find out about the international application process. Also, our careers team will explain to you which exams are required and why these exams are required for all aspirants pursuing international education. When planning an international bachelor's degree program. Do a little research before applying to these colleges.

Our newsletter will help you further in this regard. Let me tell you that this newsletter is about the application process for the USA and the UK via different portals. Required exams such as SAT, ACT, GRE, and English tests - IELTS, TOEFL, etc. We always work for the benefit of our students and our parents. We would like to let you know that our careers team has started providing one-on-one career counseling for grades 9, 10, and 11. I take this opportunity to thank everyone who believes in us and also offers their constant support to our team.

Regards

Devesh Prajapati

# UCAS

It stands for University and College Admission Service. It is an independent charity and the UK shared admissions service for higher education. It is a platform for students to apply to the UK university for undergraduate and postgraduate courses. With a single application or documentation, students could apply to five different universities for five different courses. It supports young people making post-18 choices, as well as mature learners, by providing information, advice, and guidance to inspire and facilitate educational progression to university, college, or a degree apprenticeship.

It supports 1.5 million students every year to explore entering higher education, employment, and apprenticeships and manages almost three million applications, from around 700,000 people each year, for full-time undergraduate courses at over 380 universities and colleges across the UK.

They also provide a wide range of research, consultancy, and advisory services to schools, colleges, careers services, professional bodies, and employers, including apprenticeships.

They are a successful and fast-growing organization, which helps hundreds of thousands of people every year. They are committed to delivering a first-class service to all our customers — they are at the heart of everything they do.

In 2022, our undergraduate admissions service handled over 3 million applications from 761,740 UK, EU, and international students. We are proud to have helped 563,175 students secure a full-time place at one of over 380 universities and colleges across the UK.

They also help UK conservatoires (UCAS Conservatoires) by providing information, advice, and admissions service, and our Myriad by UCAS app connects the world to UK higher education by providing a single postgraduate gateway under the trusted UCAS brand.

They want to make this process easier for everyone. That's why we publish a growing volume of data and analysis, all of which are freely available to download and re-use from our data and analysis pages. Across the 2022 cycle, in our UCAS Undergraduate applicant releases, end-of-cycle data resources, and daily Clearing analysis, there were over 8 million data points available to download, covering applicants, provision, and providers

## 2024 entry applications

2 May 2023 – 2024 entry courses will be shown in our search tool.

16 May 2023 – you can start your undergraduate application for 2024 entry courses, but you cannot submit it to UCAS until 5 September 2023.

16 October 2023 for 2024 entry at 18:00 (UK time) – deadline for any course at the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, or for most courses in medicine, veterinary medicine/science, and dentistry. You can add choices with a different deadline later but don't forget you can only have five choices in total.

31 January 2024 for 2024 entry at 18:00 (UK time) – deadline for the majority of courses.

For More details - <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/ucas-undergraduate-when-apply>

The logo for UCAS, consisting of the letters 'U', 'C', 'A', and 'S' in a bold, sans-serif font. The letter 'A' is colored red, while the other letters are black.

# COMMON APP

Common App is a non-profit membership organization representing more than 1,000 diverse institutions of higher education. We connect applicants and those who support them to a wide array of public and private colleges and universities across all 50 U.S. states, and 20 countries. Each year, more than one million students — a third of whom are first-generation — apply to college, research financial aid and scholarships, and connect to college counseling resources through Common App. But the path to higher education has changed. While everyone can go to college, not everyone does.

In order to help all students reach their goals, we're dedicated to

- Lowering the logistical and systemic barriers to college access
- Supporting those who support students
- Serving a diverse group of students and institutions
- Leveraging data and insight to inform our member institutions
- We do this by making the application simple, the process logical, and the experience joyful.

Together, we're forging a direct path to higher education for all students.

For more details – <https://www.commonapp.org/apply/first-year-students>



The following exams are required for international under graduation-

# SAT



**Introduction** - SAT is the Scholastic Assessment Test. The SAT is a standardized examination conducted by the College Board, and students applying for admission to undergraduate schools must take it. The Scholastic Assessment Test, previously known as the Scholastic Aptitude Test. The SAT exam was developed to assess the applicants' verbal, mathematical, and written skills. Applicants who wish to pursue undergraduate courses, especially in Canada and; the US are obliged to take the SAT exam.

## **Eligibility Criteria for SAT**

- For candidates applying for the SAT, the College Board, which is the SAT's governing body, has not set any clear SAT eligibility rules.
- While there is no age restriction, studies showed that candidates from the age group of 17 to 19 are among the highest to attend the SAT.
- The number of times an applicant can take the SAT is not restricted. The SAT is conducted in India five times a year.
- Students who wish to apply for undergraduate studies abroad are expected to have completed their high school education to progress to the next stage of their learning.

## **Components of SAT**

Fundamentally, SAT exam consists of –

- Reading Test
- Writing Test
- Language Test
- Mathematics Test
- Essay Test

## How to Get Registered for the SAT

The SAT is a standardized test that colleges and universities use for admission to determine a student's academic skills. Registration for the SAT needs to be completed by the student, not by a parent or guidance counselor. To register, you'll need to do the following:

- Pick your test date, and try to get your SAT registration finished as soon as possible. Late registration accrues additional fees, and there's also a cutoff.
- Registration can be completed online on the College Board website or by filling out the form provided in the Student Registration Booklet for the SAT and mailing it in. This booklet can be obtained from your school counselor.
- Be sure all your personal data matches the exact information on your photo ID.
- For identification purposes, upload a picture of yourself.
- Decide if you want to use the College Board's Student Search Service, which is free but requires you to provide additional information about yourself. Based on the information you give; scholarship organizations and colleges can find you to give information on their programs.
- Remember that you'll be responsible for paying a registration fee, which is \$55 for the SAT. Fee waivers are available for those in low-income households.
- Once your registration is complete, be sure to print out your Admission Ticket, as you'll need it on the day of your test.

SAT Exam is for students who are planning to study abroad after the completion of Class 12.

There is no specific eligibility for students taking the exam.

Those who are applying for graduation in the USA, Canada, Australia, Singapore, New Zealand, Netherlands, or the UK should take the test.

Only those who are planning to take undergraduate courses should apply for the SAT exam.

**Note – *This test is not necessary to write there some universities accept international students without SAT scores for the different courses. For this student has to check the eligibility criteria of universities at the time of application.***



ACT

ACT full form is American College Testing. It is a standardized test that is required to be taken by students looking for admission to undergraduate schools based majorly in the US and Canada. The ACT exam is an MCQ-based online exam that has been developed to evaluate the written, mathematical, verbal, and scientific skills of candidates. There is an optional writing section as well which is offered during ACT registration. Students can opt for the writing section on ACT with an extra fee during registration.

### **ACT Exam Eligibility**

- ACT examination is meant for high school graduates. Students in grades 6, 7, 8, and 9 can also take the test. The minimum age requirement to take the ACT examination is 13 years.
- It is an entrance examination for taking admission to college and university. There are no particular academic criteria regarding the scores and courses.
- The test-takers need to book the test slot and time at least two months before the application deadline. Without a test booking confirmation, applicants are not eligible for the ACT examination.
- Students under 16 years of age applying for the ACT examination need to take their parents' consent while creating the My ACT account online through the official website.
- Candidates applying for the ACT examination need an international credit or debit card to pay the registration fee.
- The applicant taking the test must have a valid international passport.
- The organizer of the exam prescribes no upper age limit.

For More details, please refer to the link - <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act-educator/the-act-test.html>



# GRE



GRE stands for Graduate Record Exam is a multiple-choice, computer-based, standardized exam that is an important admission requirement to graduate schools or business schools globally. The GRE Test is one of the most popular graduate admission tests for candidates looking to pursue MS Studies or Graduate (MBA) studies abroad. The ETS GRE exam is held multiple times around the year and candidates can appear for the exam from the designated GRE test center or in the safety of their homes by opting for the GRE at Home facility of the test. However, candidates would be required to have the pre-mandated system requirements and a test-conducive environment to opt for the proctored GRE at Home test.

## **Why take the GRE Test?**

The GRE is an entrance exam required for pursuing postgraduate degrees in the USA, Canada, and select other countries. Due to the impact of COVID-19, candidates can now register for the GRE from the comfort of their homes as an alternative to taking the exam at a testing center.

**The GRE exam consists of three sections** - Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning, and Analytical Writing - with scores for the verbal and quant sections ranging from 130 to 170 each. The total GRE score ranges from 260 to 340. Top universities typically require a GRE score of 150 to 160 for both verbal and quant. The GRE exam fee for 2023 in India is INR 18,863 (\$228), while for other parts of the world, it is \$220 (INR 18210.61). Leading business schools worldwide now accept GRE scores for MBA programs in addition to GMAT scores. General GRE test dates are available throughout the year, while subject test dates are fixed in September, October, and April.

## **GRE Eligibility**

According to ETS, there are no particular GRE exam eligibility criteria. Anyone, regardless of age or education, can sign up for this GRE exam. Candidates must take the GRE, nevertheless, if they are applying for master's programs. The only other consideration for a candidate is that they will need to present their original passport as identification at the testing facility, thus they must have a current passport in order to register for the GRE exam.

For More details, please refer to the link - <https://www.ets.or>

# IELTS



**International English Language Testing System** is the world's most popular English language test for work, study, and migration. More than 10,000 organizations trust IELTS as a reliable indicator of true-to-life ability to communicate in English. The most popular countries where IELTS is accepted for university admissions are the UK, Australia, New Zealand, the USA, and Canada. The IELTS exam mainly measures test-takers ability to communicate in the four basic English language skills – listening, reading, speaking, and writing.

The only eligibility for the IELTS exam in India and across the globe is that a candidate needs to be at least 16 years. Anybody aged 16 or above can take this examination, irrespective of their gender, nationality, or background. Exceptions are only made when a school needs the IELTS scores for admission purposes.

## **Why IELTS Exam is required?**

The IELTS exam is required for migration as well as academic purposes abroad in English-speaking countries like Australia, the UK, New Zealand, the USA, and Canada. The IELTS exam is the only English Language Test approved by UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) for visa applicants applying both outside and inside the UK. A lot of students get confused about why are the IELTS scores required. The simple answer to this is that foreign universities and visa-granting authorities need to be sure that you will not have communication issues while staying in the country. You need to show a good understanding and strong command of the English language and that is why your overall IELTS band scores are so important. Another familiar doubt students have is whether IELTS is a compulsory exam or not. No, IELTS isn't mandatory in all university admissions. Many universities might not even require IELTS scores for admission purposes. But remember that if you don't get IELTS, your chances of getting the student visa might suffer as the visa officers may not be convinced about your English proficiency without an IELTS score. So, it is safer to appear for IELTS and aim to score at least 6 bands overall.



# TOEFL

**Introduction** - The TOEFL iBT is one of the most popular English proficiency exams accepted at American and Canadian universities and education institutions abroad. Conducted by ETS, the full form of TOEFL is the Test of English as a Foreign Language, and the ETS TOEFL exam measures all four academic English skills - reading, listening, speaking, and writing in a way they are used in classrooms across colleges and universities.

## **What is TOEFL?**

TOEFL stands for **Test of English as a Foreign Language**. Four skills of English are tested: Reading, Listening, Speaking, and Writing. TOEFL Scoring is out of 120. Any student who is planning to study abroad in countries like the USA, UK, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, etc. must take the TOEFL test. As India is a non-English speaking country, it is mandatory to take an English proficiency test.

## **How many countries are accepting TOEFL for College Admission?**

TOEFL is accepted by more than 11,500 universities and other institutions in over 160 countries, including

Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United States, the U.K., and across Europe and Asia.

## **Types of TOEFL Test -**

- TOEFL iBT- This is a test that is taken online by the student in a test center. Test centers can be located on the ETS website.
- TOEFL Home Edition- This is an online test taken by a student at home in a proctored environment. A test can be taken by a student at any time and choose their dates accordingly.
- TOEFL Paper Pencil-based – The test is taken by a student in an offline format. Students must go to a test Center to take the test.

## **Dates for TOEFL Exam?**

You can click on the link to see the dates

[https://v2.ereg.ets.org/ereg/public/workflowmanager/schlWorkflow?\\_p=TEL](https://v2.ereg.ets.org/ereg/public/workflowmanager/schlWorkflow?_p=TEL)

There are multiple dates and times. Some useful links are below for your perusal:

PREPARE for the Test: <https://www.ets.org/toefl/test-takers/ibt/prepare>

TOEFL FREE MOCK TEST: <https://www.edx.org/course/toefl-testpreparation-the-insiders-guide>

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