Law National Admissions Test (LNAT)

What is it?

The National Admissions Test for Law, or LNAT, is run by a consortium of UK universities. It helps universities to make fairer choices among the many highly-qualified applicants who want to join their undergraduate programmes.

It is a 2 and-a-quarter hour on-screen test, taken at your local Pearson VUE centre, which consists of 42 multiple-choice questions and an essay section. The test is considered to be relatively unbiased, so should put all candidates on an equal footing regardless of educational background.
Who has to take the LNAT?
The LNAT must be taken by anyone who is applying for entry to an undergraduate law programme at:

- University of Birmingham
- University of Bristol
- Durham University
- University of Glasgow
- King's College London
- University of Nottingham
- University of Oxford
- University of Nottingham (UCL)

The following non-UK universities also rely on the LNAT under certain conditions. Please check with the universities directly for details.

- National University of Ireland, Maynooth
- IE university

The LNAT can be taken at test centres all over the world and is required for all students applying to courses at the above institutions. If you will be overseas, you must register with a test centre in the relevant country.

There are no general exemptions from the LNAT. In extreme cases, an individual university may grant exemption to an individual candidate. Please note that neither LNAT Consortium Ltd nor Pearson VUE can consider applications for special exemption. Such applications must be directed to the universities concerned. Each university will make its own decisions.

How can I prepare?
The LNAT is not a test of knowledge, but rather an assessment of intellectual abilities. You cannot revise for it, but you can prepare using the practice tests and practical advice on [www.lnat.ac.uk](http://www.lnat.ac.uk).

The number of LNAT preparation courses is growing, but there is no evidence to suggest that these have any real impact on results. The LNAT consortium advises all students to be sceptical of anyone who claims to guarantee their LNAT success through paid coaching.

How are the results used?
As the LNAT does not have a ‘pass mark’, different LNAT-participating universities use the results in different ways. However, every LNAT-participating university uses the LNAT result as part of a well-rounded admissions policy in which several other factors also carry considerable weight. The LNAT and A-levels (or equivalent qualifications), AS-levels and GCSEs will be assessed in combination with other elements such as the personal statement and reference on the UCAS form and, in certain cases, performance at interview.

At The University of Nottingham, we use a cut-off LNAT score below which an offer will not be made, but this score varies each year. For students with particularly high LNAT scores, we may offer below our typical A**A requirement. We also read the LNAT essay of each applicant and may deselect on that basis.

Registering for the LNAT
All registrations for the LNAT can be done online. Currently UK/EU test centres charge £50 and non-EU test centres charge £70, but some candidates will be eligible for a free test under the LNAT bursary scheme. Special provision is also available for students with disabilities and requiring extra time.

You can choose a date to take the LNAT at a test centre of your choice. Test dates begin in September and end in June. Oxford candidates must sit the LNAT by late October / early November (check the LNAT website for dates). Most other applicants should take the test by 20 January. Be aware that dates at popular test centres can get reserved quickly, so you should book early to avoid disappointment.

The LNAT test must be taken in the same year that you apply, even if you are deferring entry until the following year. If you do not take the test by the necessary deadline, your application cannot be considered. The LNAT results are only valid within that application cycle and so if you reapply for a law course the next year, you will have to take the test again.

The LNAT consortium recommends that candidates apply to universities that do not require the LNAT as well as those that do, in order to give themselves the best possible chance of receiving an offer.

We advise against applying to courses which all require the LNAT, as this may disadvantage a candidate who scores below average on the test.

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