Scoring and Score Reporting

Specifying Score Recipients
Your initial Test Fee includes the following:

- One Official Score Report
  This report is for your personal use (see “Your Official Score Report”).
- Three Official Transcripts

For up to three Official Transcripts to be mailed at no additional fee, the score recipients must be designated at the time of testing. However, you are not required to designate three schools, or any schools, when you take the MAT. These reports are sent to score recipients specified when you take the MAT. (Score recipients are those schools and other institutions that you designate to receive your MAT score.)

If you plan to have your scores sent to an institution other than a North American postgraduate institution or have reason to believe that your institution may not be included in the list of codes, make sure you have the complete mailing address and department of that score recipient (often found on your graduate-school application) with you when you report to take the MAT. You will be able to specify the mailing information for this institution on the day of testing. An incomplete address will cause your request to be deleted.

When you specify the score recipients, keep a record of the institutions you choose in case there is a problem in the mailing or handling of your request (see “Requesting Optional Services”).

You will need to pay an additional Transcript Fee:

- If you want Official Transcripts sent to additional score recipients at a later time after you have taken the MAT
- If you indicate a school code incorrectly at the time of the test and you want an Official Transcript sent to the correct score recipient
  
  Under no circumstances will you be able to delete a recipient school code indicated at the time of testing after the examination has been completed.

For more information about requesting additional Official Transcripts and the Transcript Fee, see “Requesting Optional Services.”

How Your Test Is Scored
Your answers to the items on the MAT are scored electronically, and the data are stored on computer files from which Official Score Reports and Official Transcripts are generated. Pearson understands the importance of your test results and uses computerized and manual quality control procedures, both during and after the scoring process, to ensure the accuracy of scores.

The information on your Official Score Report is the only information available to you about your results. Because of the need to maintain test security, Pearson does not provide a list of the questions you answered incorrectly or correctly.
The No Score Option

Should you decide while taking the MAT that you do not want the score you earn reported to anyone, you will be able to request that your test not be scored by clicking the Do Not Process This Score button.

If you choose the No Score Option, your score will not be reported to any score recipients, and there will be no reportable record of your having taken the MAT. You will be sent a blank Official Score Report.

*The No Score Option request is irrevocable, and the fees you paid will not be refunded.* Any later request to score your test and report your scores will not be honored.

The MAT Scores

Your Official Score Report will provide you with the scaled score and percentile ranks you earned on the MAT. Your scaled score and percentile ranks are derived from your raw score—the number of items you answered correctly. Because there are multiple test forms of the MAT (each with a unique set of items) there may be slight variations in the level of difficulty between the MAT tests.

For this reason, a given raw score for two different test forms may not always have precisely the same meaning. To compensate for these slight variations, Pearson converts all MAT examinees’ raw scores to scores on a common scale (scaled scores) based on the performance of the current norm group. The norm group consists of examinees who took the MAT for the first time from January 1, 2008, to December 31, 2011.

This reporting method makes it possible to compare the MAT scaled scores of one test form to another. The MAT scaled scores currently range from 200 to 600 with a mean (average) of approximately 400. The percentile ranks on your Official Score Report indicate the percentage of examinees in the norm group who received a scaled score lower than yours. Percentile ranks range from 1 to 99.

There is no passing scaled score or percentile rank established or recommended by Pearson for the MAT. Score recipient schools and institutions have their own standards, and these standards vary. A score interpreted as acceptable by one institution may be seen as unacceptable by another. In addition, the weight that schools place on MAT scores varies from institution to institution. A MAT score is only one of a number of factors used to select candidates for admission to graduate school programs. For more information on MAT scores, see www.MillerAnalogies.com under “Scoring FAQs.”

Your Official Score Report

After taking the MAT, all candidates will receive an Official Score Report with MAT scores and a list of recipient schools indicated at the time the test was taken. This will be mailed to you approximately 10 to 15 business days from the date that you take the test. See Figure 1 for an example of an Official Score Report that is similar to the one you will receive.

The high volume of mail during holiday seasons may delay the delivery of Official Score Reports during that time of year. Pearson is not responsible for delayed, lost, or misdirected mail. Pearson is not responsible for any claims or damages resulting from the delayed transmission of test scores.
scores for any reason whatsoever. Under no circumstances will scores be reported over the phone, emailed, or faxed.

Upon completion of the MAT CBT, you will receive a Preliminary Score Report. The scores displayed on this report are still pending verification by Pearson and therefore the Preliminary Score Report is not official and cannot be presented to schools as a substitute for an Official Transcript. Examinees are never sent Official Transcripts.

The Official Score Report is for your information only and cannot be used as a substitute for an Official Transcript.

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Percentile for Total Group

The total group percentile ranks an examinee’s performance relative to the entire MAT norm group. In Figure 1, a percentile for total group of 70 indicates that the examinee received a MAT scaled score higher than 70% of all the examinees that comprised the norm group.

Transcript Recipients

The schools and other institutions that you designated to receive your Official Transcripts are listed. In Figure 1, the examinee had scores sent to the University of Sample City, Sample State University, and Sample State College–School of Education.

Test Date and Test Attempts

The date on which you took the MAT and the number of times you have taken the test in the last five years are listed. In Figure 1, the examinee took the MAT for the second time on January 10, 2013.

Official Transcripts

All Official Transcripts will be sent directly from Pearson to each recipient school requested. It is your responsibility to make sure that the recipient schools have received your Official Transcripts.

The Official Transcripts list all the information that appears on your Official Score Report, except for the names of other institutions that will receive your test scores. The Official Transcripts also include all MAT scores you earned during the previous five years (unless you selected the Do Not Process This Score button at the time of testing).

Ongoing Research

Pearson periodically uses MAT data for research purposes, such as investigating trends and creating new MAT test forms. It is possible that your MAT demographic and score information will be used for research purposes. By taking the MAT, you give permission for Pearson to use your demographic and score information for research purposes.