

# 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

The schools you choose as the recipients of your three Official Transcripts included in your Test Fee must be designated at the time of testing. However, you are not required to designate any score recipients when you take the MAT. These transcripts are sent directly to score recipient schools specified when you take the MAT.

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 on a piece of paper 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 “[Fees and Optional Services](#)” in this booklet or on the MAT website).

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 demographics section is complete and the examination has begun.**

For more information about requesting additional Official Transcripts and the Transcript Fee, see “[Fees and Optional Services](#)” in this booklet or on the MAT website.

## 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, you will not receive a Preliminary Score Report, 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 MAT test forms (each with a unique set of items), there may be slight variations in the level of difficulty between the MAT forms.

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 statistically converts all MAT candidates’ raw scores to scores on a common scale called scaled scores.

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 candidates in the current norm group who received a scaled score lower than yours. The current norm group consists of candidates who took the MAT for the first time between January 1, 2012 and December 31, 2015. Percentile ranks range from 1 to 99.

Pearson does not establish a passing scaled score or percentile rank 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 [“Scoring FAQs”](#) on the MAT website.

## Your Preliminary and Official Score Reports

Upon completion of the MAT at a CTC, you will receive a Preliminary Score Report if you chose the option to have the test scored. Because the scores displayed on this report are still pending verification by Pearson, the Preliminary Score Report is not official.

After your scores are verified, you will receive an Official Score Report with your MAT scaled score and percentile ranks 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 Official Score Report is for your information only and cannot be used as a substitute for an Official Transcript. Official Transcripts are never sent directly to candidates.**

If you take the MAT shortly before or during the holiday season, the high volume of mail may delay the delivery of your Official Score Report. 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 for any reason whatsoever. Under no circumstances will scores be reported over the phone, emailed, or faxed.



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## OFFICIAL SCORE REPORT

**Candidate Name:** First Name I. Last Name  
**Test Date:** January 24, 2017

**Scaled Score:** 420  
**Intended Major Percentile Rank:** 83  
**Total Group Percentile Rank:** 84

**Official Transcripts sent to the following schools:**  
XYZ University  
The University of ABC  
State University of XYZ

**Scaled Score:** A standardized score based on test items answered correctly and test form difficulty.

**Intended Major Percentile Rank:** The percent of candidates from the current norm group who indicated the same major field and earned lower than a given score.

**Total Group Percentile Rank:** The percent of candidates from the current total norm group who earned lower than a given score.

The scores displayed on this report are official  
but cannot be presented to schools as  
a substitute for an Official Transcript.

For more information, refer to: [www.milleranalogies.com](http://www.milleranalogies.com)

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**Figure 1** Sample Official Score Report

## Personal Information

Your name is listed on your Official Score Report exactly as you indicated when you took the MAT.

## Test Date

The date on which you took the MAT is also listed. In Figure 1, the candidate took the MAT on January 24, 2017.

## Scaled Score

The scaled scores for the MAT are based on the number of test items answered correctly (see “The MAT Scores”). In Figure 1, the candidate’s scaled score is 420.

## Percentile for Intended Major

A percentile rank indicates the percentage of the current norm group that received a scaled score lower than a given score. Percentile ranks are calculated separately for candidates from each intended major field. In Figure 1, a percentile of 83 is listed for the intended major. This indicates that the candidate received a MAT scaled score that was higher than 83% of the candidates from the norm group who indicated the same intended major field.

## Percentile for Total Group

The total group percentile ranks a candidate’s performance relative to the entire MAT norm group. In Figure 1, a percentile for total group of 84 indicates that the candidate received a MAT scaled score higher than 84% of all the candidates that comprise the norm group.

## Transcript Recipients

The schools and other institutions that you designated to receive your Official Transcripts are listed. In Figure 1, the candidate had scores sent to XYZ University, The University of ABC, and State University of XYZ.

## 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 MAT scores earned within the previous five years (unless you selected the “Do Not Process This Score” button at the time of testing).