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Technology Programs Aptitude Test (TPAT) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) - Fall 2021 Onwards

Individuals who apply to the Cyber Defence & Cloud Administration, Software Developer, or Network and Systems Administrator programs at the Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology (MITT) must achieve a qualifying score on a Technology Programs Aptitude Test (TPAT). This test has been identified by industry as a method to ensure that students entering this field have the skills necessary to be successful within it.

Completing the TPAT will help applicants determine in advance whether the type of work performed in the field of Cyber Defence & Cloud Administration, Software Developer, or Network and Systems Administrator is of interest to them. Applicants will not be tested on any prior software knowledge or specific programming language, but rather if they have the required logical, analytical, and problem-solving competencies to be successful in a career within the corresponding industry. The TPAT questions consist of analyzing and using written descriptions, formulating concepts, following logic, determining information crucial for problem solving, and discovering and utilizing patterns.

The legitimacy of the applicant's TPAT score is dependent on academic honesty per MITT's [Academic Integrity Policy](#). If there is reason to believe that the applicant violated this policy in any form, the TPAT results will be voided and the application will be terminated by MITT for the current intake. The applicant will not receive a refund for their application or TPAT fees.

1. Do I need to register for TPAT?

No. The fees for the TPAT are included in the application fee for all of the above programs. Applicants will be contacted by the MITT Test Centre within 5-10 days of submitting their application to schedule their TPAT.

2. Are there any materials MITT can provide for me to prepare for the TPAT?

No. The types of questions are described above and this is not the type of test that one studies for. Rather, it evaluates logical and analytical thinking patterns as well as key competencies that have been identified by industry to lead to success in the above programs.

3. How long is the TPAT?

One hour. Applicants have one hour to complete the actual test, but testing sessions will be booked for longer to include time for the invigilator to adequately administer the test.

4. Am I allowed to use any resources while I write the test?

Applicants are allowed to use scrap paper and a basic, non-scientific calculator if they wish. No other resources are permitted, including, but not limited to, textbooks, notes, other people, and websites.

5. What is the minimum score (%) that I must achieve in order to pass the TPAT?

50%.

6. If I cannot write my test on the date scheduled, what should I do?

Since applicants are responsible for booking their own appointments, tests will need to be re-booked with the MITT Test Centre. Applicants must notify the Test Centre in advance of their appointment time if they will not be able to write the test. Applicants who miss a scheduled appointment and fail to inform the Test Centre in advance will be required to pay a new TPAT fee of \$110.00 to have a new test scheduled.



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7. How will I be notified of my test results (score)?

Applicants will receive their TPAT grade (%) with an indication of whether it is a qualifying score for entrance into MITT's Technology programs within 5-10 business days

8. Upon completion of my test, how long will it take to hear from Admissions regarding my application?

Once test results have been received by the Admissions Office, complete applications (i.e., all required documentation has been submitted) will be assessed for admission. Please allow 5-10 business days from the time your application is complete for assessment and corresponding admissions decision to be communicated.

9. How long are my test results valid for?

One year from the date the test was written. After this time, results will expire and applicants will be required to re-write the test. TPAT fees of \$110.00 are charged for each attempt.

10. If I choose to defer my application to another intake, can I use my test results?

Yes, as long as the results are still valid (see question 9) for the next intake.

11. Can I use my test results to apply to another institution?

Each institution sets its own admission requirements. Please contact the other institution for more details.

12. Can I rewrite the TPAT if I'm not successful on my first attempt?

Yes, applicants are allowed one (1) rewrite per year if they do not achieve the required grade for admission on their first attempt. Applicants need to wait a minimum of 15 calendar days after their first attempt to rewrite (see questions 13 and 14). Test fees of \$110.00 will apply.

13. Do I need to wait to rewrite the test?

Applicants have to wait a minimum of 15 calendar days before rewriting the TPAT. However, as soon as applicants are informed of their results by the Admissions Office, they may schedule their rewrite as long as the date of the rewrite is at least 15 days after their first attempt.

14. What is the process to request to rewrite the test?

When results are emailed to the applicant, a rewrite will be offered if it is an applicant's first attempt at the TPAT.

15. Is there a cost to rewrite the test?

Yes, \$110.00 for all applicants.