



## EAA's General Achievement Tests



### WHAT ARE GAT AND GAT PLUS?

EAA produces two General Achievement Tests for use in schools – GAT (a 1 hour test) and GAT PLUS (a more comprehensive 2 ½ hour test). Both tests are school-administered assessments which provide a reliable objective measurement of students' proficiency across the core subjects of English, Mathematics and Science Literacy.



### HOW CAN OUR SCHOOL BENEFIT?

GAT and GAT PLUS are designed for students in the middle years of schooling (Years 6-8 in Australia and Years 7-9 in New Zealand), who are at a critical transition point in their education. Both General Achievement Tests are particularly valuable when used:

- to determine class composition within a cohort
- as a secure test for the award of scholarship places
- to assess potential students applying to enter your school
- to identify gifted students and those with other special needs
- to test and re-test students to measure improvements in achievement over time
- as an assessment of existing students to provide reliable data on their relative strengths and weaknesses.



### HOW ARE OUR STUDENTS' RESULTS REPORTED?

GAT and GAT PLUS school reports include raw scores and a ranking for each student and are provided to schools in a spreadsheet format. The reports provide descriptions of the skills and knowledge tested and show how each student performed on each question and in each writing task. All writing tasks are hand-marked by qualified and experienced teachers.

In addition, GAT PLUS reports provide a more detailed analysis of performance by skill area within each subject area.

Each student is also provided with a report of raw scores which can be distributed by the school.



### WHEN ARE RESULTS AVAILABLE?

Reports are sent electronically to schools within 10 working days of the receipt by EAA of the completed test booklets.



## GAT PLUS OR GAT?

SUMMARY	GAT PLUS	GAT
<b>ENGLISH</b>		
Number of questions	26	20
Test duration – minutes	60	20
Multiple choice questions	25 (25 marks)	20 (20 marks)
Writing task*	1 (15 marks)	N/A
Marks	40	20
<b>MATHEMATICS</b>		
Number of questions	40	20
Test duration – minutes	45	20
Multiple choice questions	20 (20 marks)	10 (10 marks)
Free response questions	20 (20 marks)	10 (10 marks)
Marks	40	20
<b>SCIENCE LITERACY</b>		
Number of questions	30	10
Test duration – minutes	45	20
Multiple choice questions	29 (29 marks)	9 (9 marks)
Writing task*	1 (11 marks)	1 (11 marks)
Marks	40	20
<b>Total Marks</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>60</b>

\* The writing tasks are criterion-referenced assessments that are hand-marked by trained teachers.

	GAT PLUS	GAT
<b>TOTAL TEST DURATION</b>	2.5 HOURS	1 HOUR
<b>REPORTING</b>		
Raw scores	✓	✓
Rankings	✓	✓
Results per question	✓	✓
Skills per subject area	✓	✗
Identification of strength	✓	✗
<b>COST</b>		
Minimum number of students	10	10
<b>Australia</b> AUD PDF	22.50	11.00
Hard copy	PDF only	16.50
All prices inclusive of GST		
<b>New Zealand</b> NZD PDF	26.00	13.00
Hard copy	PDF only	19.50
<b>AVAILABLE</b>	From 6 March 2009. Hard copy tests are dispatched at least 8 days prior to test date.	
<b>ENTRY</b>	<a href="http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/entries">www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/entries</a>	
<b>PAYMENT</b>	Credit card or EFT	

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