

## Frequently Asked Questions for parents



### 1. Before the Test

#### **How do I register for the UKiset test?**

Go to [www.ukiset.com](http://www.ukiset.com)

Click Register

Follow the instructions and proceed to payment.

To register for UKiset test please complete the process online. In some parts of the world the online payment system is a little sensitive and may not be able to process your payment. If this is the case then payment can be made over the phone by calling +44 207 734 0161.

#### **How much does it cost?**

UKiset costs £295 (including all applicable taxes)

This fee includes the registration, the tests, all invigilation costs, the profile report and school package sent to up to five schools.

### 2. Payment

#### **How do I pay for my UKiset test?**

You can pay for your test either online at the end of the registration process or by calling the UKiset offices and paying over the phone.

#### **Can I pay for the test in person at the test centre?**

No, we need to have received payment before we can set up the test date and unique test codes for the candidate.

#### **I live abroad, how do I make payment and in what currency?**

If you pay online when you register or call our offices to pay over the phone then payment will be taken in GBP (£s).

### 3. Filling out the registration details

#### **There is a section asking for 'agent details' what does this mean?**

This section of the registration system is only applicable to those candidates who have an academic agent assisting their application to UK schools. For all candidates who are applying independently through a parent or guardian, you can leave this section blank.

### 4. School Selection

#### **We have not decided on what schools we would like to apply to, what do we put in the 'schools selection' section?**

This section is entirely optional. If you have not yet decided on the schools you would like to apply to, then you can leave this section blank. After the test, email [enquiries@ukiset.com](mailto:enquiries@ukiset.com) once you have chosen which school(s) you would like to apply to. This can be done after the test has been completed and after you have received the profile report containing the candidate's results.

**My child has never sat a test like this before; I do not know how intelligent he or she is and therefore do not want to waste any school selections before I know the results.**

You can make the school selections after you have received the profile report containing the results. This way you can select the most appropriate schools based on the candidate's performance in the assessments.

**What is a good score on the UKiset test?**

Each school is able to decide what kind of UKiset scores they will accept. Schools will look at the whole UKiset profile when considering a student, including levels of English, extra curricular interests and aspirations. At UKiset, we are only responsible for facilitating the test and for distributing results to selected schools. Advice on what a specific school may or may not accept may have to come directly from the school or from an independent advisor (academic agent or consultant).

**How do I find out if I have missed the deadline for the school applications?**

You will need to organise the UKiset test with plenty of time to meet the deadline of the school you are applying to. UKiset is not necessarily informed about each school's application deadline. We suggest keeping in touch with the school that you are applying to in order to remain aware of any deadline dates.

**I have missed the deadline to apply to a specific school; can I still apply using UKiset?**

Firstly, speak to the school about whether they will still accept the UKiset application. If you ask us to send the application to a specific school after their application deadline, this will count as one of your school selections. If the school responds saying that their application date has already closed, then UKiset does not accept any liability. It is the applicant's responsibility to check with the school to make sure they are still accepting applications.

5. Once the registration is complete

**What happens once I have registered, where will my child sit the test?**

Once UKiset have confirmed that you have successfully registered they will contact the test centre that is nearest and most convenient for you. UKiset will then put you in contact with the test centre in order to arrange a mutually convenient date and time. If you use an academic agent or consultant they may handle your application and deal with UKiset directly to arrange the test on your behalf.

**I know of a UKiset test centre, can I register to take my test through them?**

If the test centre is also your academic agent then you can register and arrange UKiset through them. Alternatively, if you do not have an agent and wish to have one then you may approach this test centre to see whether they can organise the test for you.

If the test centre is a British Council office, or you do not wish to register through an agent, then you must register through the UKiset website first and UKiset will arrange the test date on your behalf. The British Council and independent test centres are unable to facilitate the exam until UKiset have sent them the unique log in codes generated after registration is complete.

### **How can my child prepare for the UKiset test?**

The reasoning section of the UKiset test is designed to find out if you find this kind of thinking easy or hard. There is a wide range of different types of reasoning questions, some of which involve numeracy, language processing, or even problem solving skills. Preparation for this type of assessment can be difficult – there is no pass or fail score; it is designed to assess underlying processing skills and logic.

However, having some familiarity with the kinds of questions you might be asked may help. A quick online search for verbal or non-verbal reasoning tests will result in a wide range of example questions. The *Bond Series* of reasoning test books also offers valuable examples of the types of questions you may encounter in the UKiset reasoning section. You cannot learn the answers to the questions, but you can become more familiar with the kind of thinking you will be asked to demonstrate.

The second and third parts of UKiset are English language assessments. The Cambridge English test is an online, multiple choice test; it assesses receptive language skills (reading and listening) and any English language practice before the test will be beneficial. Even watching or listening to media in English and then answering questions on it will exercise these skills.

The final section is a short English essay; this is designed to demonstrate expressive language skills. The best preparation for this test would include practicing the planning and writing of expository essays on a wide range of topics. Even providing one's opinions orally (in English) would help in this area.

The additional benefit of working on the English processing skills is that it may also help with the verbal reasoning skills that are assessed in the first section of UKiset.

Remember, UKiset is not designed to be a pass or fail test, but an evaluation of a child's academic potential and English language level. Schools use this test to compare a child directly against their British peers and will look at an application as a whole; they want to make sure the candidate would be a good fit in their school

## 6. On the test day

### **Do I need to accompany my child to the test?**

Yes, all children under 16 years old must be accompanied by an adult (over 16s can be unaccompanied but will still need to provide valid ID). You will need to show the ID you provided on the registration form. The candidate may need to have their photograph taken on the day of the test for security purposes.

### **How long does the test take?**

The whole test takes 2 hours (including 5 minute breaks between sections). During this time you, the parent/guardian, can leave the test centre and return to pick up the candidate on completion of the test.

### **Is my child allowed to take breaks during the test?**

As the UKiset test is divided into 3 parts (Reasoning, English Language and English Essay), then the candidate is allowed to have a break between each section, this is every 30 to 40 minutes. The number and lengths of breaks is down to the invigilator's discretion (we suggest between 5 and 10 minutes).

## 7. After the test

### **What do I need to do in order to receive my UKiset results?**

Once the test is completed, UKiset endeavours to generate and send you the results within 72 hours. However at busy times of year (school holidays, school application deadlines) we may not be able to reach these targets. If, for any reason, you do not receive the results 3 business days after the test then please either call the UKiset office or email [enquiries@ukiset.com](mailto:enquiries@ukiset.com)

### **Now I have seen the results I would like to choose some (additional) schools, how do I do that?**

Its easy. Just email [enquiries@ukiset.com](mailto:enquiries@ukiset.com) with your school choices. Please note that five school choices are included in the UKiset fee. If you wish to send the results to more than five schools this is perfectly possible, however there is an additional charge of £50 per school.

### **How long does it take UKiset to send the application to the schools?**

Once the test is completed and the test centre have emailed the handwritten essay to UKiset, then any pre-selected schools will receive the candidate's school package within 72 working hours of the test's completion. If, for any reason, you need the results to be sent out in a shorter time-frame then let us know at [enquiries@ukiset.com](mailto:enquiries@ukiset.com). UKiset may be able to identify specific results and send them out on the same day; please note this can only be done on special request and is not always possible. Try to take the test with plenty of time to spare.

### **My child does not feel that his/her test went well, can they resit the test?**

The candidate can resit the test 6 months from the initial test date. For example, If the test was sat on 1st January then the next possible date for a resit is 1st July.