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## Key dates for STEP 2017

Registration opens:

27 February

Requests for modified question papers:

By 30 March

Registration deadline – standard fee:

28 April by 17.00 BST

Final registration deadline – higher (late) fee:

12 May by 17.00 BST

Test dates:

STEP Mathematics 1: 8 June (a.m.)

STEP Mathematics 2: 12 June (a.m.)

STEP Mathematics 3: 22 June (a.m.)

Results:

You can access your STEP results online from  
17 August 2017 using our online results system.

Visit the STEP website for further details.

We will send STEP results to UCAS, and your results  
may be accessed by your college or university  
through UCAS.

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# STEP

SIXTH TERM EXAM PAPER MATHEMATICS



Guide for students 2017

Register by 28 April 2017

## The Sixth Term Examination Paper (STEP) Mathematics

If you're applying for certain courses at the University of Cambridge or the University of Warwick, you may need to take STEP. Other universities recommend you take it too.

- The University of Cambridge asks Mathematics applicants to achieve certain STEP grades, as part of conditional offers made to candidates after interview.
- For the University of Cambridge, other course/ College combinations may also require STEP. For details, see: [cam.ac.uk/step](http://cam.ac.uk/step)
- The University of Warwick may ask applicants to achieve certain STEP grades in its undergraduate Mathematics and Data Science offers.
- Other courses and universities encourage applicants to take STEP. Please visit the university websites for more information.

### What's in the test?

There are three STEP papers. Usually, which paper(s) you need to take will be explained in the university's offer letter. Each paper is 3 hours long and divided into three sections:

- Pure Maths (eight questions)
- Mechanics (three questions)
- Probability and Statistics (two questions).

All questions carry equal marks. You choose six questions to answer in total, but there's no restriction on which questions you choose.

STEP assesses your ability to apply mathematical knowledge in novel and unfamiliar ways. Questions are longer than at A Level, and demand persistence and insight. Marks are awarded for candidates who make good progress towards the solution, as well as for correct answers.

Mathematics 1 and 2 are based on the A Level Mathematics syllabus. Paper 2 is harder than Paper 1. Mathematics 3 is wider in terms of content, and is based on the Further Mathematics A Level syllabus.

### Where do I take STEP?

**If you are currently attending school or college,** you can normally take the test at your school: check with your Exams Officer. If your school is not already registered as a centre, they can apply to become a test centre – even if you are the only person taking a test.

[admissionstestingservice.org/become-a-centre](http://admissionstestingservice.org/become-a-centre)

We advise that you take the test at school, if possible, rather than at an alternative authorised test centre. These centres may charge an administration fee in addition to the test fee.

**If you are not attending school or college,** you may be able to take the test at your old school: check with the Exams Officer. If this is not possible, you will need to find an authorised test centre where you can take the test.

[admissionstestingservice.org/find-a-centre](http://admissionstestingservice.org/find-a-centre)

### When do I register?

Your centre needs to register you. Registration opens on 27 February 2017 and the standard entry fee deadline is 28 April 2017.

Late registrations are accepted up until 12 May 2017. There is an additional fee for this, so ask your centre to register you for STEP **well before the standard registration deadline.**

### How much does the test cost?

The standard entry fee is £49 per paper. There is an additional £18 charged for late entries. Please check our website for registration fees in other currencies.

### What if I need Access Arrangements?

Access Arrangements are available if you have a disability or special requirement, and are normally entitled to support for exams.

You need to inform your centre of any special requirements when they register you for the test. They will ask for full details and a copy of your medical evidence. Requests for modified question papers must be submitted by your centre by 30 March 2017.

### How do I prepare for STEP?

You can download free practice papers from the STEP website. Doing these in timed conditions is an excellent way to prepare and gets you used to the test format and question style.

You will also find other resources on the website, including the test specification, the STEP formula booklet and links to other useful materials.  
[admissionstestingservice.org/step-prep](http://admissionstestingservice.org/step-prep)