

Avondale requires you to sit both the uniTEST and the TOWA unless you have already completed a Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) (Multiple Choice and Written English) previously.

To sit these tests, you are required to:

- Complete the attached application form; and
- If not sitting the tests on campus at Avondale, attach a completed Supervisor's Confidentiality Agreement; and
- Attach a bank cheque or money order, made payable to Avondale College Limited, for \$150.00 (Australian dollars) or complete your credit card details on the attached form and forward all documents to:

Avondale Admissions
PO Box 19
COORANBONG NSW 2265

Fax: 61 2 4980 2151

WHO CAN SIT THIS TEST?

uniTEST is designed for current school leavers to complement existing selection criteria such as the ATAR. If your ATAR does not give you direct entry into the higher education course of your choice, you may wish to sit the uniTEST and TOWA. Mature age applicants who do not have appropriate documentation to gain academic entry into a higher education course can also sit these tests to provide evidence of their ability to manage higher education study.

IMPORTANT DATES

You will need to lodge all three documents before:

- 15 February – for study at Avondale in Semester 1
- 15 July – for study at Avondale in Semester 2

TEST DATE AND VENUE

Avondale offers scheduled dates for the tests on the Lake Macquarie Campus. Please contact Avondale Admissions for these dates.

If you are not sitting these tests at Avondale, your supervisor will liaise with you concerning the exact time and venue for the uniTEST and TOWA. The tests should be taken as soon as possible after your supervisor receives emailed instructions from Avondale Admissions.

SUPERVISION (FOR THOSE NOT SITTING TESTS AT AVONDALE)

Your supervisor should be a person holding a responsible position at a university, school, government department or similar institution, and will typically be in a position equivalent to a Head of Department. They must be willing to take overall responsibility for supervision of the tests. They must not be engaged in coaching you for these tests and they must not be closely related to you, nor be your current teacher. They must be willing to keep the login details confidential, before the examination. The tests must be administered in strict accordance with the instructions that they will receive as set out in the Supervisor's Manual. Once your proposed supervisor is approved, they will be supplied with the relevant test information.

TEST CONTENT

uniTEST – is a multiple-choice test which is designed to assess Quantitative Reasoning, Critical Reasoning and Verbal and Plausible Reasoning. Candidates will be given two and a half hours to complete the ninety-five questions in the test. Another 10 minutes (approx.) will be required for other aspects of the test administration procedure, including seating of candidates and distribution of usernames and passwords to the candidates.

TOWA – The TOWA aims to assess the ability to students to write effectively to two prompts, each of which addresses a distinct genre: Task A (Report) and Task B (Argument). Task A (Report) requires students to comprehend, select, organise and present clearly a summary report based on facts, figures and pictures presented in the stimulus. Task B (Argument) requires students to develop a point of view about an issue and structure a clear, coherent and logical argument in support of that view. Candidates are given 1 hour for this test.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

You can download sample questions free of charge from the Australian Council for Education Research (ACER)'s website at <http://unitest.acer.edu.au/about-unitest>. Further information about the tests and how to prepare for them is available on ACER's website <http://unitest.acer.edu.au/about-unitest> and <http://www.acer.edu.au/towa>

If you wish to contact ACER uniTEST directly the contact details are:

Telephone: +61 3 9277 5502
Email: unitest@acer.edu.au
Address: 19 Prospect Hill Road
Camberwell VIC 3124
Australia

RESULTS

Avondale Admissions will receive results for the uniTEST and TOWA from the Australian Council for Education Research (ACER) each Friday. You will receive a phone call from Avondale Admissions early the following week to advise you of your test results. Your results will be posted to you once you have been contacted to discuss your study options.

uniTEST -. Candidates receive a scale score out of 100 for each of the 3 sections of the test (Quantitative reasoning, Critical reasoning, Verbal and plausible reasoning) together with a Total Scale Score and Total Australian Percentile Rank. The percentile rank indicates how a candidate performed in relation to other Australian candidates who have sat uniTEST. For example, a Total Australian Percentile Rank of 47 means that the candidate's Total Scale Score is equal to, or better than, that of 47% of candidates." uniTEST results are valid for 2 years

TOWA - There are two writing tasks, Task A (Report) and Task B (Argument) which are scored holistically. The Argument task (Task B) is also scored analytically on Language Conventions.

PERSONAL DETAILS:

Name:
(Title) (Christian Names) (Surname)

Postal Address:

State: Postcode: Daytime Phone No:

E-mail:

Date of birth: Gender:

Highest level reached in secondary school/college: Last year of secondary school:

Proposed course you are applying for at Avondale College: Proposed year of commencing:

Have you previously attempted a similar test? Y / N If so, when?

If English is NOT your first language, what is your first language?

I certify that the above statements are correct:

Candidate's signature: Date: / /

PLEASE LIST NAME AND CONTACT DETAILS OF YOUR PROPOSED SUPERVISOR:

Name:
(Title) (Christian Names) (Surname)

Postal Address:

State: Postcode: Daytime Phone No:

E-mail:

NOTE: Please ensure that your proposed supervisor signs the *Supervisor's Confidentiality Agreement* and that it accompanies the return of this application form.

Please mail this completed application, a bank cheque, or money order payable to Avondale College Limited for \$150.00 (Australian dollars) or provide your credit card details completed below, along with the Supervisor's Confidentiality Agreement (signed by your proposed supervisor) to:

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Name of cardholder:

Please debit my: Bankcard Mastercard Visa CCV (3 digits on back of card):

Card number:

Cardholder's Signature: Expiry Date: /

Amount enclosed: **\$150.00**

**uniTEST and Tertiary Online Writing Assessment (TOWA)
SUPERVISOR'S CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT
2015-2016 TESTING**

In signing this form I undertake:

- to ensure that the identity of the candidate(s) is verified by requiring the candidate(s) to produce a VALID photographic ID;
- to ensure the usernames and passwords are seen only by the candidate(s) themselves and the test supervisor(s) invigilating the test;
- to ensure no persons read or copy test questions at any time, other than the candidate(s) reading them while they are completing the test;
- to read the manual carefully to become familiar with procedures;
- to check the computer meets the technical requirements – minimum screen resolution of 1024x768 and internet connection of minimum 256 kbit/s. It is my responsibility to ensure I have the latest version of Firefox, Internet Explorer V8, Chrome or Safari;
- to ensure that the procedures in the Test Administration Manual are followed in the test room(s).
- to allow no person(s) access to the test, other than the nominated candidate(s).

I understand the need for the maintenance of the strictest test security and confidentiality. I promise that I will not, directly or indirectly, in any way compromise the security of any examination materials. Excepting the candidate(s) in the examination room, I will not allow any person other than an authorised supervisor of the test to have access to, look at or be informed about any examination materials. I know of no past breach of confidentiality and agree to report any breach which I witness or come to know about.

I declare that I am not closely related to a candidate who will sit for the tests, nor am I a teacher of any candidate. I understand that if I violate any of the requirements set out in the Supervisor's Manual, I may be subject to legal action.

I hereby agree to perform, and will be held responsible for, all the necessary duties described above and those described in the Supervisor's Manual.

Name: Signed:

Position:

Institution/Organisation:

Contact phone: / /

Date: / /

Please return this agreement to:

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Avondale College of Higher Education
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AUSTRALIA

Fax: 02 4980 2151

Note that tests will not be administered until the Confidentiality Agreement Form has been signed and returned.