The International Benchmark Test (IBT) Partnership Program is a joint business activity between the Australian Council for Educational Research and in-country partners. This program is designed to provide schools in your country with reliable information about student achievement and their comparisons to international benchmarks. The assessments in English, Maths and Science have been designed to align with international curricula.

In-country partners create their own markets within their region. The partners sell the tests directly to schools and determine their own pricing model. ACER charges partners an annual license fee prior to the delivery of the assessment materials, and a small charge for each test administered upon the delivery of reports. The partner retains all surplus income generated.
**PARTNERSHIP MODEL**

**ACER will provide partners with the following:**
- New test booklets each year in PDF format
- Comprehensive psychometric analysis
- Individual, class and school reports in PDF format
- Specifications for printing, scanning and data capture
- Full administration instructions
- Advice and support

**In-country partners are responsible for the following:**
- Marketing to schools
- Printing of test booklets
- Distribution of test booklets
- Scanning of answer sheets
- Printing and distribution of reports

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**BENEFITS OF IBT**

The IBT is an internationally regarded assessment that allows schools, students and parents to compare student results against international benchmarks, and against a described proficiency scale of student ability worldwide. Annual participation in the program allows the progress of students to be monitored from one year to the next.

**For schools:** The detailed reports provide school leaders and classroom teachers with rich diagnostic information about their students. The reports identify students’ strengths and weaknesses which can assist teaching staff to provide more targeted teaching.

**For students:** The individual student report helps students to see their strengths and weaknesses in key concepts and skills. Students are able to benchmark their progress against other students in their school, nationally and internationally.

**For parents:** IBT helps parents monitor their child’s performance and progress over time. Parents are able to ensure that any areas of concern are dealt with in a timely manner.

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**ABOUT THE TESTS**

The IBT has been designed to assess the generic skills that underpin the teaching of English, Mathematics and Science for school years 3 to 10. All test questions are all multiple choice and each test is 60 minutes in duration. Tests are updated each year with new and stimulating content that has been developed by an experienced team of assessment professionals.

The IBT Tests are skill-based, and they do not follow any single national curriculum. This allows students from all countries to be compared fairly.

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