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WHAT IS THE BAT?

The Bloomberg Assessment Test - BAT is a standard online test that evaluates students and recent graduates for their financial aptitude and general knowledge.

The content of the test is being developed by testing specialists, academics and professionals in the field. The main purpose of the BAT is to help you with employability and to define yourself as a potential candidate in the financial industry.

The BAT has 11 sections and it is divided in two groups: **Finance Knowledge** and **Career Skills**. It is in English and consists of 155 multiple choice questions.

The questions are designed to put you in contact with real-world financial scenarios that would be encountered on your future job. The test examines your ability on an anonymous way to apply learned knowledge to solve practical problems.

You can take the BAT completely free of charge here on campus or at a Bloomberg office!

HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR A BAT SESSION?

To sign up for a BAT session on your campus or at a Bloomberg office you just need to go to www.takethebat.com, click on Students and register.

Once you have created your username and password you will receive a confirmation email and be asked to complete your profile, adding personal information that you would like to show to employers.

You can include your profile into the [Bloomberg Institute Talent Search](#) and make it visible for employers that may elect to contact you for internships or employment opportunities in the finance sector. If you are not actively looking for a job you can always opt out from being included in the Talent Search.

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Remember that your profile is completely anonymous and that you have full control over it. All information is completely confidential until you provide it to the employer.

WHAT IS THE TALENT SEARCH?

The Talent Search is the tool that employers are using to find talented candidates for entry level full time and internship roles. The Talent Search aims to match your strengths with employer needs and only searches on the areas of the test that are relevant for the specific job opportunity. This means that you do not have to do well on all sections of the test in order to get contacted by employers, but rather allows you to showcase your strengths to employers.

All student profiles are completely anonymous, and students control which companies have access to their complete profile and personal details. You can also choose up to three countries in which you would like to promote yourself, providing the ability to maximize the employment search both locally and abroad.

You have the option to opt out of the Talent Search if you are not happy with your scores. You can also opt out of being included in the Talent Search even before you take the test if you would simply like to see where your strengths are and where you stand compared to the global talent pool.

Try the [Bloomberg Institute Talent Search](#) and run a search to understand how employers are using it!

HOW DO I PREPARE FOR THE BAT?

There are no official study materials for the BAT.

A basic level of finance knowledge is required, however the bulk of what is being assessed is a person's aptitude and skills to be successful in this industry.

It covers a very wide range of topics and represents a practitioner's approach to finance (i.e. not textbook knowledge only). Therefore, you should prepare for the BAT as you would an

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interview and not focus on the details of financial theory. A successful test taker will understand the “big picture” of how all the parts fit together.

You can see sample questions of every subject area in the Bloomberg Institute website by clicking on [BAT Sample Questions](#).

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I TAKE THE BAT?

In less than 24 hours you will receive a link to your personal profile, which is completely anonymous. Here you will be able to see your global score and your scores per section, which will allow you to discover your strengths and weaknesses as relative to a career in finance.

You will also be able to compare yourself to all students globally. This provides a unique opportunity for you to see where you stand compared to the global talent pool against which you are competing for jobs.

At this point, your score will be entered into the Talent Search!

Now you can update your profile, adding e.g. extra languages, previous work experience, university scores, leadership skills, etc.

WHY TAKE THE BAT?

By taking one test you can showcase your skills and abilities to thousands of employers worldwide.

The real world scenarios presented in BAT test questions help you to gain insight into what employers expect from entry level candidates to know for specific roles.

Taking the BAT allows you to uncover your strengths and weaknesses as relative to a career in finance, enabling you to know where you need to improve and what areas to highlight in an interview.

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CAN I RETAKE THE BAT?

You are welcome to take the BAT as many times as you would like, always with a month gap in between. There will be a charge of \$50 for every retake. All instances of your scores are recorded so you can compare how you have improved over time.

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- + 65,000 Students have taken the BAT
- + 800 Universities worldwide offer the BAT on campus
- + 20,000 financial employers have access to the Bloomberg Institute Talent Search

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