

Frequently Asked Questions for academic agents and consultants



1. About UKiset

What is UKiset?

UKiset is an assessment that many British independent schools ask overseas students to take. The results show how the candidate compares to students of the same age group in the British school system, and more specifically within the independent sector.

The assessment tests candidates' underlying learning skills through verbal, non-verbal and mathematical reasoning, as well as their English level in reading, listening, and writing.

How does it work?

Candidates register for UKiset via our website. The test can be arranged for the candidate to take either online or in a local test centre. Online invigilation has proved to be a particularly convenient way to invigilate tests securely, as the candidate is not required to leave their home.

Should the candidate decide to choose online invigilation, one of the members of the UKiset Team will guide them through the process. Alternatively, UKiset has a large network of test centres worldwide and will endeavour to find an appropriate centre local to the candidate if required.

The candidate can choose which schools they would like to send their results to. Within three working days of sitting the test, the UKiset profile report is sent to you, the family, and any selected schools. School choices can be made either before the test takes place or after the results have been sent to the family.

How does it benefit our clients and us?

The main benefit is that UKiset is a single assessment that can be used to apply to multiple schools. Before UKiset, candidates would have to prepare for and take a test for each individual school they applied to.

UKiset can also be sent to schools prior to registering with them. This means that applying for competitive places at selective schools becomes much cheaper, as families only pay the registration fee to schools where their child has a chance of gaining a place.

Moreover, by using UKiset to assess your client's learning potential and English level, you the agent/consultant have an independent, internationally-recognised evaluation to base your advice on. You may wish to advise on additional English support and tutoring; help the family choose more realistic school choices; or help them aim for the very best school. UKiset provides the evidence to back up this advice.

What is the cost?

UKiset cost £295 (including all applicable taxes). This fee includes the registration, the test, the invigilation either online or at an accredited test centre, the UKiset profile report, and the school reports sent to up to five schools of your choice.

Who accepts UKiset?

About 300 UK independent schools currently accept UKiset. Some of them require all overseas pupils to provide a UKiset profile, whilst others use it as a part of their admissions process.

2. Applying with UKiset

How do our clients apply to schools with UKiset?

Candidates can be registered online by their parent or guardian, or by an academic agent through our website: www.ukiset.com. Please note that candidate details such as their passport, and a photo of the candidate are required at registration.

School choices can be made during registration or, if you wish to offer your expertise during the process, advise parents to wait until they see the UKiset Parent Report. Any schools selected prior to the test taking place will be automatically sent the result upon completion of the assessment.

To send the UKiset report to schools after the test, simply email enquiries@ukiset.com with the candidate's name, registration number, and their school choices. We will then send the full report to the schools.

How do families register to take UKiset locally?

When a candidate is registered online, the UKiset team will arrange online invigilation or contact a suitable local test centre to schedule the test. UKiset will then coordinate with the candidate to confirm a convenient date to sit the test.

Where can candidates take the test?

Given the difficulties candidates have had to face over the last couple of years, we are happy to offer online invigilation to all candidates who require it. Students can sit the test in the comfort of their own home, invigilated by a member of the UKiset team who will guide them through the different parts of the test.

If you would rather the test was sat in an accredited test centre, please send us an email and we will be happy to discuss what options are available. Sometimes it is possible to arrange for

the candidate to sit the test at their current school if there are no other test centres available locally.

How quickly do we receive the results?

Results are normally available within 3 business days of the test being sat. During busy periods this may take a little longer; it is also dependent on the test centre promptly sending the candidate's English essay through to UKiset HQ.

3. The UKiset profile report

What information is included in the UKiset Profile?

The UKiset Profile consists of two key pieces of information:

1 – The Reasoning Test - this assessment looks at the candidate's learning potential in quantitative, non-verbal and verbal reasoning. The candidate's score is standardised for their age and is compared to British students in the same year group.

Please note that schools are aware that the verbal reasoning part of the test will be more challenging for those candidates who speak English as their second language, compared to a native speaker. Therefore, UKiset provides two averages: one overall average, and one excluding the verbal score. This allows schools to see the candidate's potential without factoring their English skills in.

2- The Cambridge English Placement Test (CEPT) – This test provides the candidate's English level by assessing their reading and listening skills. The CEFR level refers directly to the IELTS scale and helps schools to assess how easily the candidate would be able to access the UK curriculum.

For a rough guide on what schools might expect at different age groups please email enquiries@ukiset.com.

What is the next step after receiving the candidate's UKiset result?

If the family hasn't selected any schools, then now is the time to discuss the most appropriate options. Alternatively, if schools were selected at registration, wait for their direct response. We request that schools get in direct contact with the person who registered the candidate.