



## JOINT MEDIA STATEMENT

### **APTITUDE TEST FOR INTENDING APPLICANTS TO UOT and UOG**

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The University of Goroka is teaming up with the PNG University of Technology to run the STAT-P Test for student admission into both universities in the 2018 academic year, while the PNG University of Natural Resources & Environment (UNRE) will assist them to implement the test.

PNG University of Technology (UOT) and the University of Goroka (UOG) intend to administer a compulsory aptitude test for:

- **All School Leavers (SLs)** who wish to be considered for admission to **all courses at UOT or UOG for 2018** and also
- **All pre-service non-School Leavers (non-SLs)** who wish to be considered for admission to **all courses at UOG for 2018**.

For now, non-school leavers applying to UOT will continue to be assessed using an entrance examination; they will not need to take the aptitude test.

All Provincial Education Advisors and secondary school Principals are urged to take note of this requirement and assist their students who are choosing UOT and UOG to register and take the STAT-P Test.

The UNRE will be providing staff to supervise the test in Kokopo and Buka, as part of observing the process of the test and may recommend for their university to join in the near future.

UOT and UOG will use the same STAT-P aptitude test offered by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) in addition to the Grade 12 Examination results of SLs to screen all entry applications. The purpose is to introduce a common measurable element into the selection process that will ensure that only candidates who have the capacity to benefit from tertiary education are selected.

**SL applicants to UOT and UOG, and pre-service non-SL applicants to UOG who do not have STAT-P test results will not be considered for admission to the two universities.**

STAT-P is a tertiary aptitude test used widely by universities in Australia, New Zealand, Ireland and the UK. Its purpose is to measure candidates' aptitude or ability (capacity to perform), rather than to measure achievement (demonstrated performance), which takes place at the Secondary School level.

UOT and UOG Management wish to advise that this year's ACER STAT-P aptitude test is planned to be conducted at the following locations:

1. Port Moresby
2. Kokopo
3. Mt Hagen
4. Goroka
5. Lae
6. Wewak
7. Alotau
8. Manus

9. Buka
10. Kiunga
11. Mendi

The ACER STAT-P aptitude test will be conducted simultaneously at all locations from **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017**. Depending on the number of registrants, each test centre will conduct one or two sessions per day.

To be eligible to take the STAT-P aptitude test, each applicant should note the following mandatory requirements;

1. The student who registers by himself or herself or the person (such as teacher or guardian) who helps a student to register must have **an email address**. ACER will use that email address to communicate with the student about the STAT-P aptitude test.
2. Each applicant must **first register** their details and choose their preferred test session with ACER. Registration will soon be available at the following website: <https://statpng.acer.org>
3. Each applicant must pay a **non-refundable test fee of K100.00**. Deposit details are only provided to the student once they have successfully registered with ACER.
4. Once paid, the **deposit slip or copy of the receipt with student name** must be faxed to: UOT Fax: 4757667 OR scanned & emailed to: [stat-p@pnuot.ac.pg](mailto:stat-p@pnuot.ac.pg)
5. Deposit slips or receipts either faxed or emailed must be received not later than **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**.
6. Only applicants who can produce **avalid and current (2016 and 2017) photo ID Card and ACER Confirmed Registration Notice** (emailed to applicant after payment of fees has been confirmed) will be allowed to take the test at the allocated venue.
7. ACER has a facility available for Secondary Schools to create a bulk booking and payment on behalf of their students, if they wish to help students to book for the STAT-P test. Please contact ACER via email at [stat@acer.edu.au](mailto:stat@acer.edu.au) for more information about bulk bookings.

All applicants should also note that deposit slip details will be crosschecked with the UOT bank account and records.

For more information, please contact the UOT Admissions office on; Phone: 473 4281 / 4289 or Email: [stat-p@pnuot.ac.pg](mailto:stat-p@pnuot.ac.pg) and the Student Administration Office at UOG on Phone: 531 1735 or Email: [sumingb@unigoroka.ac.pg](mailto:sumingb@unigoroka.ac.pg)



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