

CASPer FAQs

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for initial teacher qualifications



What is CASPer?

CASPer is an online, video-scenario based situational judgement test. With 12 sections and open-ended questions, CASPer is designed to measure personal and professional characteristics like ethics, empathy, communication, resilience, judgement, teamwork, and more.

It is an opportunity for students to demonstrate their personal characteristics and how these are suited to a teaching career.

Is there a fee to take the test?

Yes, the fee to take the test is \$80. This fee covers the cost to sit the test and the cost to distribute your score to the institutions you choose that also use the CASPer test for selection. You will be required to pay when scheduling a test date. Payments will be processed online. All major credit and debit cards are accepted.

Why am I required to take the CASPer test?

All Australian institutions offering initial teacher education, are required to select based on academic criteria and non-academic criteria, to determine suitability for teaching.

Most Victorian institutions with ITE courses are integrating the use of CASPer as a selection tool as part of their admissions process. The purpose of the assessment is to determine non-academic suitability for teaching.

How do I take the CASPer test?

You must have access to a computer and a reliable internet connection. The test can be taken at home, at school, at your local library or in another location of your choice. You may choose to use headphones, to block out any surrounding noise and distractions. To take the test, visit takecasper.com

When do I take the CASPer test?

Undergraduate courses

17 September	10.00am AEST
3 October	12.00pm AEST
6 October	11.00am AEST
27 November	12.00pm AEST
27 November	8.00pm AEST
29 November	12.00pm AEST
29 November	8.00pm AEST
21 December	8.00pm AEST
5 January	7.00pm AEST
8 February	8.00pm AEST

Postgraduate courses

17 September	10.00am AEST
3 October	12.00pm AEST
6 October	11.00am AEST
29 November	8.00pm AEST
21 December	8.00pm AEST
5 January	7.00pm AEST
8 February	8.00pm AEST

How long is the CASPer test?

Plan approx. 90 minutes for the CASPer test, which will include the introduction, 65 minutes to view each of the 12 videos and answer a set of three short questions. Approx. five minutes is allocated to each video and set of questions. You may also choose to take a 15 minute break at the halfway point. Please register for the test at least three days before your preferred test date. Last minute bookings are not recommended.

Can I prepare for the test?

You may like to have a look at the examples, types of questions and practice tests available at takecasper.com/sample-casper-test/. Applicants are strongly advised to avoid responding to any suggested training programs that may appear when you access the CASPer website. These are often costly and are not helpful.

Is it possible to fail the test?

It's important to remember that there are no right or wrong answers. The test is looking for qualities for suitability for teaching. You are advised to respond to the questions as clearly and effectively as you can within the timeframe.

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Can I sit the test more than once?

The test results only apply to the year of the submitted application.

Will spelling and grammar mistakes affect my score?

CASPer is not testing you for spelling and grammar however it is important to take care with your responses and ensure they are clear.

How will I be scored on the CASPer test?

Each of the 12 sections in your CASPer test is scored by a unique rater. Your score is a robust measure made up of many independent impressions of you. Your responses are anonymized, so a rater does not know who you are, or how well you've done on any other section of the test.

What if I apply to multiple institutions?

If you are applying to multiple institutions who are integrating CASPer as part of their admissions requirements, you will sit the test once. However if you are applying to Deakin and another institution which has integrated a different testing tool, you will be required to sit CASPer, as well as the test used by the other institution(s).

What do I do if I am unavailable to sit the CASPer test during the test dates?

Unfortunately individual schedules cannot be accommodated. All test dates are pre-arranged to ensure application processing meets the offer timelines.

When will the notification of offers be released?

If you've applied through VTAC your offers will follow the offer rounds as published by VTAC. For example, early round offers will be released in mid November.

If you've applied direct to Deakin, offers will be released in late October/early November.

What if I apply but do not sit the CASPer test?

You will not be considered for admission to your preferred course, unless you complete the test.

What if I have an impairment which may impact my ability to sit the CASPer test?

For applicants requiring accommodation, a formal request and supporting documentation must be provided at least three weeks in advance of the applicant taking the test, in order to allow sufficient time for document review and a decision on appropriate accommodation.

The formal request and supporting documentation must be sent via email to support@takecasper.com.

You can also visit the CASPer website for further information takecasper.com/aboutcasper/#accommodations

Where can I go for more information?

Visit the CASPer website and view the FAQs: takecasper.com/faq/