## Test-Toolkit

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ACT Digit Series

## Results

Your IQ score is shown in the graph below. IQ is seen as an estimate of your intelligence.
Intelligence is defined as the ability to execute working and learning tasks that require cognitive skills in order to arrive at the correct solution or result. It indicates which cognitive level best suits you and at which educational level you will do well.

IQ scores have an average of 100 with a standard deviation of 15 . Based on your score, we can conclude with $80 \%$ certainty between which two values your true score lies. This indicates the reliability of the measurement.

## Numerical

103

In the numerical test, you were asked to work out the relationship between a series of numbers. This analytical ability is important for job functions in which calculations have to be made and for functions in which it is required to draw conclusions from numerical material. We can conclude with $80 \%$ certainty that your score for this test lies between 95 and 111.

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Reference group ISCED level 2: Lower secondary education

|  | Sten $\%$ tileT-score |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Numerical | 7.4 | 7 | 83 | 59 |

Reference group ISCED level 2/3: Lower secondary education/Upper secondary education

|  | Sten $\%$ tile | T-score |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Numerical | 6.6 | 7 | 71 | 56 |

Reference group ISCED level 6/7: Bachelor's/Master's or equivalent level ${ }^{1}$

|  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Numerical | Sten | \%tile |
| T-score |  |  |

Reference group ISCED level 6/7: Bachelor's/Master's or equivalent level $\underline{\underline{2}}$

|  | Sten $\%$ tile | T-score |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Numerical | 4.2 | 4 | 26 | 43 |

## Interpretation of the results

The score you have obtained is compared to the scores of a number of reference groups. Each reference group consists of individuals with a certain educational level that have completed this test. Hereby you can see how high you score in comparison with individuals with a different level of education. The reference groups in this report are based on the International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED). ISCED is UNESCO's international education classification based on the level and direction of the study programs. Please see http://uis.unesco.org/sites/default/files/documents/international-standard-classification-of-education-isced-2011-en.pdf for more information.

In the Netherlands, you can obtain a Bachelor and/or Master degree in both HBO (Higher professional education, Hoger Beroepsonderwijs) which is profession-oriented and WO (Scientific Education, Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs) which is research-oriented. Currently, the reference groups are HBO/Bachelor and WO/Master. That is why both reference groups are classified as ISCED Levels 6/7.
1 This reference group is based on the Dutch HBO/Bachelor education level.
${ }^{2}$ This reference group is based on the Dutch WO/Master education level.

## Sten scores, percentile scores and T-scores

IQ score a standardized scale with a mean of 100 and a standard deviation of 15 .
Sten score a standardized 10-point scale, with a mean of 5.5 and a standard deviation of 2 . A sten score should not be confused with a school report mark. A sten score of 5 does not mean a "bad mark", but it indicates an "average score" that occurs a lot in the reference group.

Percentile score indicates the percentage of people in the reference group that has obtained an equal or a lower score. A percentile of 25 means that $25 \%$ of the reference group has obtained an equal or a lower score. In that case ( $100 \%-25 \%=$ ) $75 \%$ has obtained a higher score. A percentile of 50 indicates that exactly half of the reference group obtained an equal or a lower score.

T-score a standardized, statistical scale with a mean of 50 and a standard deviation of 10 . A T-score of 50 indicates the median and is the same as a percentile score of 50 . A T-score of 40 means that the standardized score lies one standard deviation below average, which amounts to a percentile of about approximately 17.

Percentile scores, T-scores and sten scores are related in the following way:

| Sten | Percentile | T-score | Meaning |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | $<2,3 \%$ | $<30$ | Far below average |
| 2 | $2,3 \%-6,7 \%$ | $30-35$ | Well below average |
| 3 | $6,7 \%-15,9 \%$ | $35-40$ | Below average |
| 4 | $15,9 \%-30,9 \%$ | $40-45$ | Just below average |
| 5 | $30,9 \%-50,0 \%$ | $45-50$ | Average |
| 6 | $50,0 \%-69,1 \%$ | $50-55$ | Average |
| 7 | $69,1 \%-84,1 \%$ | $55-60$ | Just above average |
| 8 | $84,1 \%-93,3 \%$ | $60-65$ | Above average |
| 9 | $93,3 \%-97,7 \%$ | $65-70$ | Well above average |
| 10 | $97,7 \%-100 \%$ | $>70$ | Far above average |

## Estimation interval

Every test score entails a certain amount of inaccuracy. Therefore it is possible that a test score turns out to be either too high or too low in comparison to the true level of the candidate. This inaccuracy is represented in the graph by a blue bar situated symmetrically to the left and right of the score. This blue bar indicates the area in which the real level of the candidate lies with a probability of $80 \%$. The following rule applies: the narrower the bar, the more accurate the score can be determined.

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