

China Scholastic Competency Assessment (CSCA)

What is CSCA?

China Scholastic Competency Assessment (CSCA) is a standardized test designed for international students who plan to pursue undergraduate degrees in China.

Organized by China Scholarship Council (CSC) and jointly developed with experts from Chinese universities, CSCA assesses students' language proficiency and academic readiness, helping them better prepare for undergraduate studies in China.

CSCA is also an important reference used by Chinese universities in their admission and scholarship evaluation processes.

Why CSCA?

CSCA provides a comprehensive evaluation of academic and language abilities, enabling students to better understand their strengths and prepare for successful study in China.

- Recognition: Widely accepted by Chinese universities
- Academic Focus: Enhances students readiness and competitiveness for undergraduate studies
- Application Support: Serves as an academic reference for university admission and scholarship review

Test Subjects

Subjects		Test Language	Duration	Number of multiple-choice questions	Score Range
Professional Chinese	Humanities	Chinese	90 min	80	0-100
	STEM	Chinese	90 min	80	0-100
Fundamental Subjects	Mathematics	Chinese/English	60 min	48	0-100
	Physics	Chinese/English	60 min	48	0-100
	Chemistry	Chinese/English	60 min	48	0-100

Note: Mathematics, Physics, and Chemistry are offered in both Chinese and English. Test-takers may choose the test language according to the requirements of their intended university.

Test Schedule

The first global CSCA test will be launched on December 21st, 2025. Starting in 2026, CSCA will be held on a regular basis five times a year — in January, March, April, June, and December.

As each test session begins simultaneously worldwide, exams scheduled in December, April, and June are more convenient for candidates in the Asia-Pacific region, while those in January and March better suit candidates in Europe and the Americas. This global scheduling ensures that test-takers from all time zones have fair and convenient opportunities to participate.

Registration opens in November December 21, 2025 Register Now	Registration opening soon January 25, 2026 Register Now	Registration opening soon March 15, 2026 Register Now
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Test Formats

Computer-based You can take CSCA at authorized test centers on a computer under standardized conditions.	Paper-based You can take the exam in paper-based format at an authorized test center.	Home-based You can take it from your home with a human proctor monitoring you online.
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Initially, CSCA will be conducted primarily in a remote, home-based online format, with onsite test centers (computer-based or paper-based) gradually established in major source countries and regions.

In December 2025, the first onsite test centers will be launched in Vietnam and Thailand, marking the beginning of a hybrid testing model. Additional test centers in other countries and regions are currently under development.

Registration Process

STEP 1

Please prepare the following items.

Photo Please ensure you have reviewed the photo requirements and test your photo before registering.	Valid ID You are required to provide valid government-issued ID information when registering online.	Credit Card After completing your registration, please proceed with the payment by using one of our accepted methods.
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STEP 2

Visit “China Scholastic Competency Assessment (CSCA)” website at <https://www/csca.cn/>.

Check the test dates, formats, and test centers (if applicable).

CSCA is offered annually in January, March, May, June, and December. The specific dates are released at the start of each year.

STEP 3

Create your account and register online.

Create account→**Registration**→**Book your test**→**Make payment**

Score and Results

Each CSCA subject is graded on a 100-point scale. Test results will serve as a reference for universities, which will set their own admission criteria based on individual program requirements.

Score release dates vary by test format: results for online and onsite computer-based tests will be announced within 7 working days after the test, while paper-based test results will be released within 14 working days.

Universities can also view each applicant's percentile ranking among all global test-takers to better understand their academic standing within the international applicant pool.

Test Fees

Number of subject(s)	Fees (CNY)
1	450
2 or more	700