

More detailed information on IQ-tests for the recognition of Mensa Switzerland from externally conducted IQ-tests

Mensa Switzerland accepts all IQ tests that have been correctly performed and evaluated in Switzerland by professionals (e.g. psychologists and psychiatrists). Since IQ-tests are sometimes used in a country-specific way, there may be differences in the handling or acceptance of IQ-tests between countries.

IQ tests that Mensa Switzerland does not accept for recognition

The list below does not claim to be exhaustive. Mensa Switzerland reserves the right to amend or supplement this list. The psychologist of Mensa Switzerland contacts the applicants individually and reserves the right to make the final decision as to whether or not a test/test result will be accepted for admission to Mensa Switzerland.

General information

- However, all transfers of Mensa members to Mensa Switzerland will be accepted regardless of the tests carried out and recognised there.
- All IQ tests with subtests which are absolutely necessary for the calculation of a total IQ must have been completed. This applies in particular to all Wechsler intelligence tests. Mere partial test results/subtest results are not accepted, since the total IQ is always used to assess the recognition of an externally performed IQ test.
- Pure percentages are not accepted. More detailed explanations can be found under «Become a member» under «Submit an IQ test result for recognition».
- The test must have percentile ranks or T-values that can be assigned to an IQ scale with mean value and standard deviation, the quality criteria must be fulfilled.
- Obsolete tests with obsolete standards are not recognized, i.e. an obsolete test is currently processed and sent in for recognition. Explanation: Intelligence tests are regularly re-standardized (or the validity of the standards checked) in order to keep the average value at 100. Approximately eight years are regarded as a guideline. **Mensa Switzerland does not accept IQ-tests which are older than 8 years at the present time!**

The following IQ tests are not accepted by Mensa Switzerland

- Ability tests carried out by schools in the USA, such as **CogAT, DAS, NNAT ...**
- College preparation tests in the USA, such as **GMAT, MAT, ACT, GRE ...**
- Aptitude tests carried out by the military in the USA, such as **AFQT, Army GCT ...**
- **ZVT** (numerical connection test) (Zahlen-Verbindungs-Test)
- **SPM** (Standard Progressive Matrices), **APM** (Advanced Progressive Matrices), CPM (Coloured Progressive Matrices). Justification: No longer accepted due to availability of test and solutions on the Internet.
- **KFT-K** (Cognitive Ability Test - Kindergarten type) and KFT 1-3 (Cognitive Ability Test for 1st to 3rd grades), reason: Measuring mainly learning-dependent skills
- **KLI 4-5 R** (Combined learning and intelligence test for 4th and 5th classes)
- **MWT-A and MWT-B** (Multiple Choice Vocabulary Intelligence Test)
- **SON-R 2.5-7, SON 2-8, SON-R 6-40** (Non-verbal intelligence test). Reason: Not suitable for the highly gifted, as this procedure has been specially developed for people with impairments (hearing, development, speech, physical and/or mental disability, aphasia, cerebral palsy). Mensa Switzerland only recognises this test if one of these disorders has been indicated in the clinical report for the choice of test procedure.
- **PPVT-4** (Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test - 4th edition)
- **PAI30** (Practical Everyday Intelligence Test)
- **VKI** (Verbal Short Intelligence Test). Reason: No new standardization since 1980.
- **WNV** (Changeover Nonverbal Scale of Ability). Reason: Developed for children and adolescents with performance disorders and/or hearing impairments. Mensa Switzerland only recognises this test if one of these disorders has been indicated in the clinical report for the choice of test procedure.
- Vocabulary tests (e.g. WST) and pure working memory tests (e.g. KAI-N) are screening tests and are not recognised by Mensa Switzerland for the measurement of giftedness.

Special information on the Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale (WAIS)

In the following **Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale (WAIS)** tests the GAI (General Ability Index) is recognized by Mensa Switzerland:

HAWIK-IV, WISC-IV, WISC-IV, WAIS-V

Explanations in the upper power range (IQ > 120): In the upper power range (IQ > 120), differences between the two index pairs (VCI/PRI > WMI/PSI) are much more frequent. The reproduction of the total IQ is therefore often not an appropriate solution for highly gifted children. In particular, total IQ values that are based on highly discrete index values (≥ 23 IQ points = 1.5 SD) should not be interpreted at all or only to a limited extent. Today's evaluation programs output this GAI value automatically.

With a difference of ≥ 23 IQ-points (1.5 SD) between the mentioned index pairs Mensa Switzerland considers the GAI as total IQ.

Period of validity of Wechsler intelligence tests

- **WISC-V** (age range: 6;0 to 16;11 years, year of publication 2017, complete revision and new standardization from 2016, valid until ...)
- **WISC-IV, formerly HAWIK-IV** (age range: 6;0 to 16;11 years, standardization 2005/2006, year of publication 2007, valid until **2018**)
- **HAWIK-IV** (age range: 6;0 to 16;11 years, standardization 2005/2006, year of publication 2007, valid until **2011**)
- **WPPSI-IV** (age range: 2;6 and 7;7 years, standardization 2015 - 2017, year of publication 2018, validity until ...)
- **WPPSI-III** (age range: 3 to 7;2 years, standardization 2009, year of publication 2009, validity until **2018**)