

Participation Fees for TIMSS 2027

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TIMSS, the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study, is a flagship study of IEA. Directed by the TIMSS & PIRLS International Study Center at Boston College, TIMSS is an international assessment of student achievement in mathematics and science at fourth and eighth grades.

Core Participation Fee:

The core fee per country participating **per grade** in TIMSS 2027 is 365.000 ICUs (IEA's International Currency Unit) being US\$ 182.500 and € 182.500.

Payment Distribution:

Year	%	US\$	€
2025	30%	54.750	54.750
2026	30%	54.750	54.750
2027	25%	45.625	45.625
2028	15%	27.375	27.375
Total	100%	182.500	182.500

Countries paying the full four-year fee in the first year (2025) are granted a discount of 5%.

Payment Currency:

The core participation fee (as per above) can be paid in € only (Option 1), in US\$ only (Option 2), or equally divided between € and US\$ (Option 3). Each country participant may choose an Option.

Benchmarking Fees:

A benchmark participant in terms of applicable fees is a sub-entity of a country that already participates in the study or the second sub-entity of a non-participating country. The sub-entity must be clearly defined and unambiguously described. In the case of a sub-entity of a country that is not participating and where no other sub-entity is participating, the full participation fees apply. For sub-entities of countries already participating, 20% of the core participation fee (as per above) applies. All benchmark participants will be reported in a separate table of the international report.

Oversampling Fees:

For up to 150% of the minimum sample size, no additional fee is applied. For each 20% (schools or students, whichever is greater) above the 150% of the minimum sample size, an additional 10% fee is applied.

Additional Language:

The core participation fee (as per above) covers up to two language versions of the instruments. In case the country participant wishes to add an additional language version, there may be an additional fee up to a maximum of 10% of the core participation fee for every additional language.

TIMSS Longitudinal:

Preparation of the longitudinal option will begin in parallel to the 2027 cycle of the study. For countries interested in opting into the longitudinal option, the international fees for this option would be an additional 120.000 ICUs.

