

FINDING THE ASCENDENT (Southern Latitudes)

Step One: First find the day, month, year and place of birth of the subject.

Step Two: Note this time of birth in hours and minutes, a.m. or p.m. The time of birth will be known as **Local Time** and this has to be altered to Greenwich Mean Time. During this stage we will only deal with New Zealand and United Kingdom births as this simplifies explanations.

Step Three: Examine list attachments showing N.Z.S.T since 31st October, 1868, and here the deviation between N.Z. and G.M.T. are duly listed. It is necessary now to work out the time as per Greenwich Mean Time.

Step Four: Example: Subject born 25 March, 1999, 06.55 am, Wellington. Check on Daylight Saving Time. As N.Z. is 12 hours ahead of GMT, subtract 12 hours and this will give 06.55 pm 24th March, 1999

Step Five: Look up the Sidereal Time in the Ephemeris for the above date. This should read as 00: 06:05, which is 0 hours, 6 minutes and 5 seconds.

Now look up the atlas to find the longitude of Wellington which is East of Greenwich 147E47' As time on the atlas is measured in 4 minutes to a degree, we multiply the longitude by 4, which equals 696 minutes (using the whole degrees only). There are also 47 minutes to be calculated into the equation, and as this is over $\frac{3}{4}$ of a degree and there are 4 minutes to a degree, add another 3 minutes, making 699. This divides into 11 hours 39 minutes. This gives the Longitudinal Time for Wellington.

Step Six: The next step is Acceleration Time where we allow 10 seconds for every whole hour before or after Noon GMT. As this time is 6 hours after noon and 6×10 seconds = 1 minute, we now add this rounded to the nearest minute to the total.

Example One.

Local Birth Time	06.55 am
Converted to GMT	06:55
Sidereal Time for 24/3/99	00:06
Longitude for Wellington	11:39

12 hours added for Southern Latitudes	12:00
Add Acceleration Time	00:01
	30:41
Less multiples of 24 hours	-24:00
Sidereal Time for 06:55 pm 25/3/1999, Wellington.	06:41
Table of Houses at 42° shows Ascendent at 8 Libra , MC 8 Cancer,	
which when reversed are	
	Ascendent 8 Aries, MC 8 Capricorn.

Example Two:

Subject born 31/3/1999 at 04:00 pm	
Local Birth Time	04:00 pm
Converted to GMT	04:00 am
Difference from Noon (subtract from 12)	08:00
Ephemeris Sidereal Time for 31/3/1999	00:33
Add 24 hours to help with calculations	24:33
Less difference from Noon	-08:00
	16:33
Add longitude for Wellington	11:39
	04:54
Subtract Acceleration Time	-00:00
	04:54
Plus Southern Time Zone	12:00
	16:54

Now refer to the Table of Houses for 42 Degrees Latitude.
Remember to reverse the result for Southern Latitudes.