

OAT – Optometry Admission Test

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**This guide is intended to summarize key information about the test. Students must consult the [Optometry Admission Test website](#) for more detailed instructions and information.*

Section	# Questions	# Minutes	Score	Topics Covered
Optional Tutorial		15		
Survey of Natural Sciences	100	90	200-400	Biology (40), General Chemistry (30), and Organic Chemistry (30)
Reading Comprehension	50	60	200-400	Three reading passages, require the ability to read, comprehend, and thoroughly analyze basic scientific information
Scheduled break (optional)		30		
Physics Test	40	50	200-400	Physics
Quantitative Reasoning	40	45	200-400	Algebra, Numeric calculations, Probability & Statistics, Geometry, Trigonometry, & Applied Mathematics (word) problems
Optional Post Test Survey		15		

Important Information

- Required by ALL optometry schools.
- **Scores range from 200 to 400 and are reported in increments of 10.**
- Computer-Based Testing – Exam offered year-round at Prometric Test Centers.
- \$510 fee (as of July 2022) – Covers the cost of sending scores to optometry school added at the time of application. \$50 additional fee applies for each additional score report after application submitted.
- Average test score for accepted students is 331 (somewhere around 300 is acceptable) nationwide and [OSU Optometry](#) average is 339.
- Unofficial test score report and explanation received immediately upon completion of OAT. No other score report will be sent to the examinee. Official scores will be released to schools approximately three weeks after the test date. Schools of optometry require official score reports for decision-making.
- Applicants who have three or more OAT attempts must apply for permission to test again. From that point forward, they may retest only once per 12-month period.

Resources

- [Official OAT Program Guide](#)
- [Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry](#)
- [Optometry Centralized Application Service \(OptomCAS\)](#)
- UC [Learning Commons](#): Test strategies, note taking, test anxiety, supplemental instruction, tutoring.
- Test preparation – Educate yourself by investigating all options thoroughly prior to committing. This is not an exhaustive list and PPAC does not endorse any specific test preparation company:
 - [Kaplan](#); [OAT Bootcamp](#)

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