DAT – Dental Admission Test
Pre-Professional Advising Center

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This guide is intended to summarize key information about the test. Students MUST consult **www.ada.org/dat for more detailed instructions and information.*

Section	# Questions	# Minutes	Score	Topics Covered*
Optional Tutorial		15		
Survey of Natural Sciences	100	90	1-30	Biology, General Chemistry, Organic Chemistry
Perceptual Ability Test	90	60	1-30	Apertures, Angle Discrimination, Cube Counting, 3D Form Development, Paper Folding, and View Recognition
Scheduled Break (optional)		30		
Reading Comprehension	50	60	1-30	Contains 3 passages and requires no prior knowledge of the topic other than a basic undergraduate preparation in science.
Quantitative Reasoning	40	45	1-30	Algebra, Data Analysis, Quantitative Comparison, Probability & Statistics
Optional Post Test Survey		15		

Important Information:

- Required by most dental schools. It is Computer-Based Testing – Exams offered year-round through Prometric.
- $475 fee – If a student selects at least one ADEA/AADSAS or TMDSAS school at the time of DAT registration, scores will be sent to all AADSAS and/or TMDSAS schools. If no school is selected, there is a $45 fee per school to have your score report sent. It is strongly recommended to choose at least one school when registering to avoid the additional cost. Fee Waiver information.
- Test scores range from 1-30, average scores of accepted students at Ohio schools is 19-21.
- Unofficial test scores and explanation are received immediately upon completion of DAT. Official scores will be released to schools 3-4 weeks after test date.
- Examinees must wait 90 days between testing attempts. Those who have tested three or more times must apply for special permission to take the test again.
- See ADA - DAT website for more detailed information. Sample test items are available at this site.
  *List of more specific topics can be found within the DAT guide.

Resources:

- ADA – Test Prep resources
- ADEA - DAT study tips and Plan Your DAT study schedule tips
- Chad's Videos(free)
- UC Learning Commons: (test strategies, note taking, test anxiety)
- Test preparation – Educate yourself by investigating all options thoroughly prior to committing. This is not an exhaustive list and PPAC does not endorse any test preparation company.
  - DAT Bootcamp
  - Kaplan
  - Princeton Review