

LSAT – Law School Admission Test Pre-Professional Advising Center

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

Test Format:

- **The LSAT is administered online.** There are four 35-minute sections of multiple-choice questions.
 - Note: Three of the 4 sections contribute to the test taker's score. The unscored section, commonly referred to as the variable section, typically is used to pretest new test questions or to pre-equate new test forms. The placement of this section will vary.
- 35-minute writing sample is administered online, but not on the test date, using secure proctoring software that you install on your computer. LSAC does not score the writing sample, but copies of the writing sample are sent to all law schools to which you apply. See [About LSAT Writing](#).
- The score range is 120-180. Your scores are not released to schools if the writing sample is not complete.

LSAT COMPONENT	Explanation
Reading Comprehension	Measure the ability to read, with understanding and insight, examples of lengthy and complex materials similar to those commonly encountered in law school.
Analytical Reasoning	Measure the ability to understand a structure of relationships and to draw logical conclusions about that structure. You are asked to reason deductively from a set of statements and rules or principles that describe relationships among persons, things, or events.
Logical Reasoning	Assess the ability to analyze, critically evaluate, and complete arguments as they occur in ordinary language. Skills include drawing well-supported conclusions, reasoning by analogy, determining how additional evidence affects an argument, applying principles or rules, and identifying argument flaws.
LSAT Writing	The writing prompt presents a decision problem, and you are asked to choose between two positions or courses of action and defend your choice. There is no “right” or “wrong” position; the writing sample lets you demonstrate your argumentative writing skills. Law schools are looking at the reasoning, clarity, organization, language usage, and writing mechanics you display in your sample.

Important Information

- **\$222 fee.**
- [LSAT Fee Waiver information](#)
- **Learn about [LSAT Score Preview](#) – allows you to cancel your score up to six days after receiving it. (\$45-\$75)**
- Scores are not released until the test taker has completed the LSAT Writing. Other than that, score release dates are usually about 4 weeks after taking the test.
- [Get ready for test day](#)- checking computer equipment, scheduling time, prepare your test space, etc.
- **Test takers are able to take the LSAT 3 times in a single testing year (August to June); 5 times within the current and 5 past testing years; a total of 7 times over a lifetime.**
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Resources

- [UC Learning Commons](#): (test strategies, test anxiety – not specific to LSAT)
- 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.
 - [UC Testing Services offers reduced rates](#) for Kaplan and Princeton LSAT prep
 - [Kahn Academy and/or LSAC LawHub](#)
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