



DAT – Dental Admission Test

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

Section	Questions	# Minutes	Score	Topics Covered
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
Reading Comprehension	100	60	1-30	See Below
Quantitative Reasoning	40	45	1-30	Algebra, fractions, decimals, percentages, probability & stats, geometry, trigonometry & word problems

- Required by most dental schools
- Computerized exam offered year-round
- \$320 fee. If student selects at least one AADSAS school and/or one TMDSAS school at the time of DAT registration, scores will be sent to all AADSAS and/or TMDSAS schools. If no school selected, \$25 fee per school to have your scores sent. Strongly recommend choosing at least one school now to avoid this additional cost.
- Reading Comprehension contains 3 passages and requires no prior knowledge of the topic other than a basic undergraduate preparation in science.
- NO penalty for guessing
- Test score average of accepted students at the 2 MI schools = 19-20
- Unofficial test scores and explanation received immediately upon completion of DAT – no other score report will be sent to the examinee. Official scores released to schools 3-4 weeks later
- Examinees must wait 90 days between testing attempts and those who have tested three or more times must apply for special permission to take the test again.
- See www.ada.org/dat.aspx for more detailed information. Sample test items are also available at this site.

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