

DAT Exam Information

DAT Website: <http://www.ada.org/dat.aspx>

Admission Test	Content	Preparation	When and Where	Scoring and Sending	Registration Fees
<p>DAT – Dental Admission Test</p>	<p>The DAT consists of multiple-choice items distributed across a battery of four tests</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Survey of Natural Sciences (100 questions; 90 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology, 40 questions • General Chemistry, 30 questions • Organic Chemistry, 30 questions 2. Perceptual Ability Test (90 questions, 60 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apertures, view recognition, angle discrimination, paper folding, cube counting, 3D form development 3. Reading Comprehension Test (50 questions across three scientific reading passages, 60 minutes) 4. Quantitative Reasoning Test (40 questions, 45 minutes) <p>The test specifications list the topic areas covered in each of the four tests and are located in the Guide at www.ada.org/dat.aspx</p> <p>The test takes roughly 5 hours.</p>	<p>The DAT program offers practice tests to help you prepare. The computer-based DAT practice test is Timed. Upon completion you will receive a report of the number of questions you answered correctly. To purchase DAT practice tests visit: http://ada.org/dat.aspx</p> <p>You may become familiar with the computer testing experience through Prometric's Test Drive.</p> <p>There are other DAT Study Guides (e.g. Kaplan DAT Blue Book, Crack the DAT, DAT Destroyer, etc.) which you can find online or at your local bookstore or library</p>	<p>Anytime, by registration appointment, online at Prometric Testing Centers.</p> <p>Before you can apply to take the DAT you must obtain a DENTPIN® - DENTAL Personal Identifier Number.</p> <p>You must wait 90 days between testing attempts. Examinees who have tested three or more times must apply for permission to take the test again.</p> <p>Locations in Iowa:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coralville • West Des Moines • Bettendorf • Sioux City <p>Other locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rochester, MN • Bloomington, MN • La Crosse, WI • Madison, WI • Peoria, IL 	<p>DAT scores are based on the number of correct responses; examinees are not penalized for guessing.</p> <p>Unofficial score reports are provided for the examinee upon completion of the test.</p> <p>Official scores are reported approximately four weeks after the test.</p> <p>Scores range from 1 to 30, with 18 typically signifying the national average, and are reported for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perceptual Ability • Quantitative Reasoning • Reading Comprehension • Biology • General Chemistry • Organic Chemistry <p>Academic Average Score: the average of quantitative reasoning, reading comprehension, biology, general chemistry and organic chemistry</p> <p>Total Science Score: Standard score based on biology, chemistry and organic chemistry.</p>	<p>Cost is \$415; this includes official score reporting to all of the dental schools you have selected at the time of application.</p> <p>\$33 per score sent to schools not selected at the time of application.</p>

Centralized Application Services for Applying to Dental School

AADSAS Website: <https://portal.aadsasweb.org/>

Submit application EARLY and submit all materials and transcripts at least 6 weeks before application deadline!

Application Service	Application Dates	Application Deadlines	Application and Sending Fees	Additional Information
AADSAS – Associated American Dental Schools Application Service	June 2, 2014-February 2, 2015 : Application is open Four to six weeks to process	Varies (school specific) There are 57 accredited U.S. dental schools.	\$245 for the first dental school plus \$93 for each additional school Offers a fee assistance program for applicants who demonstrate extreme financial need.	More information at: http://portal.aadsasweb.org/ AADSAS factors all grades into the GPA calculations no matter how many times the course was taken http://www.adea.org/AADSAS/GradePointAverages.html BCP (Biology, Chemistry, Physics): An acronym of Biology, Chemistry and Physics courses. These courses are used in the computation of an applicant's science GPA.

*Dates and prices might shift slightly each year. Be sure to check the application service website for accurate information.

*If there is additional information that you recommend be added to this handout please let the Biology Academic Advisor know at joan.smothers@uni.edu