

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR DAT TEST CONSTRUCTORS

During its annual meeting, the Committee on Educational Measurement and Testing (Committee F) reviews the credentials of individuals who are interested in serving as test constructors. The Committee is charged with the appointment of test constructors who are highly qualified to serve, and who represent various locations throughout the country. Each test constructor is reappointed annually and may serve a maximum of five consecutive one-year terms on a test construction committee.

Only those individuals who submit a Personal Data Form (not a curriculum vitae) can be considered for appointment to a test construction committee. Personal Data Forms are available upon request from the Department of Testing Services, American Dental Association, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

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The following are the criteria for test constructors on General Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, General Biology, Physics*, and Quantitative Reasoning Test Construction Committees:

1. Familiarity with content of basic college science or math courses
2. Masters, or higher, degree in relevant content area
3. Three years of experience within the last five years teaching or in research in the pertinent content area
4. Agreement to the ADA policies on confidentiality and copyright assignment of testing materials

DAT TEST CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEES

Each test construction committee for development of the Dental Admission Test consists of three (3) members. In all, there are four (4) test construction committees. They are: General Biology, General Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, and Quantitative Reasoning. For the Reading Comprehension Test and Perceptual Ability Test, individuals work independently at home, and a separate selection criteria is required. In addition, a Physics Test Construction Committee works with the Optometry Admission Test.