

Field Guide for APA PsycTests Database Records

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The  symbol indicates a helpful hint

	Field name	Content of field or possible values	Helpful hints
	Acronym	Test acronym(s) provided in the source document	
	Administration Method	Controlled list of methods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper • Electronic • Interview • Physical Object • Other 	
	Affiliation	Corporate or institutional affiliation of the test author(s)	An author's membership in a professional association is not considered an affiliation. You can search the affiliation field to find the top institutions where individuals are publishing research in a particular discipline or area of research.
	Age Group	A controlled list of specific population age groups related to the content, including focus and/or population of the Test Record	
	Alternate Test Name	Any alternate names for the test	
	APA PsycTests Classification	A controlled list that indicates the general area of psychology that the measure is designed to assess	<p>Using classification codes in searching can be helpful in limiting results to the construct being measured, such as Neuropsychological Assessment or Personality. You can combine classification codes with keywords or index terms for more precise searching.</p> <p>The APA PsycInfo® database has its own separate list of Classification Codes. We recommend that you search APA PsycInfo and APA PsycTests separately for best results. View the full list of APA PsycTests Classification Codes here: https://www.apa.org/pubs/databases/psyc-tests/field-guide</p>
	Author	Author or authors of the test	
	Author ID	ORCID, VIVO, or OpenID data that links to a list of the author's publications	
	Commercial	Controlled value indicating whether or not a test is commercially available	
	Construct	Psychological construct being measured	
	Correction Date	Date a record was corrected or updated	
	Correspondence Address	Address for corresponding author	
	Description	Free-text summary or abstract of the test in the Test Record	
	DOI	DOI registered with CrossRef for a Test Record	
	Factor Analysis	Free-text field that captures test factor analysis data provided in the source document	

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	Factors and Subscales	Free-text field describing any factors or subscales related to the test	
	Fee	Controlled value indicating whether or not there is a fee for test use	
	Format	Description of the format used for administration Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-point Likert Scale • Agree/Disagree with Survey Statements • Multiple Choice 	
	Index Terms	Controlled vocabulary applied from the <i>APA Thesaurus of Psychological Index Terms</i> ®	View new and updated terms here: https://www.apa.org/pubs/databases/training/2019-thesaurus-update.pdf
	Institutional Author	Indicates the corporate or institutional author of the test if there is one	
	Instrument Type	Controlled list indicating the primary testing category of the instrument Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Battery • Inventory/Questionnaire • Survey 	
	Keywords	Natural language description of the Test Record Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Travel Stress • International Flight • Flight Crew • Airlines 	
	Language Present	Controlled list indicating the language(s) of the test present in the document used to create the indexing	
	Language Available	Controlled list indicating the languages in which the test is available	
	Methodology	Controlled list describing the methodological concepts associated with the research in the test development process or usage of the test in the source citation Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nomological Validity • Test Reliability • Principal Component Analysis • Item Response Theory • Structural Equation Modeling 	View this chart for APA PsycTests methodology field value definitions: https://www.apa.org/pubs/databases/training/psyc-tests-method-values.pdf
	Name	Name of the test described in the Test Record	
	Number of Items	Number of items in the test	
	Other Versions	Links to other versions of the test included in APA PsycTests	Find additional information about a test by using the links to other test versions. Other Versions can include newer and older versions of tests as well as modified versions and language translations, allowing you to more easily see how a measure has been developed and used over time.

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	Permissions	Controlled list of values indicating the level of permissions needed in order to use a test <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May use for Research/Teaching • Contact Corresponding Author • Contact Publisher • Contact Publisher and Corresponding Author • Not Specified 	When it reads "May use for Research/Teaching," the test can be used for non-commercial research or educational purposes. This statement permits general use in a clinical setting, for a class assignment, or as a cited resource in developing your own test.
	Population	Controlled values describing the population to which the test was administered <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human • Animal • Male • Female • Inpatient • Outpatient 	
	Population Details	Further description of the sample population Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutionalized patients living in nursing homes • Undergraduates in Israel • Buddhists 	
	Publisher	Name of the publisher of a commercially available test	
	Purpose	What the test is assessing	
	Release Date	Date the Test Master Record was released into APA PsycTests	
	Reliability	Free-text field that captures test reliability data provided in the source document	
	Source Citation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citation • Full citation of the source document that describes the development, review, or use of the test • Source Citation can be for a APA PsycInfo or APA PsycExtra record 	
	Source Used	For records with multiple source citations this field indicates which, if any, citation was used to create the indexing for the test record	
	Summary	Descriptive summary of the test in the Test Record	
	Supporting Documentation	A controlled list of types of supporting documentation Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Answer Sheet • Instructor/Test Manual/Guide • Student/Study Guide 	
	Supporting Documentation Link	Link to any supporting documentation for the test available from APA PsycTests	
	Test File	The Text or Multimedia files associated with the test	
	Test Items Available	Indicates whether the test items are available in APA PsycTests	
	Test Location	Indicates the page, table, or figure number of the test or test items in the source citation(s)	

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	Test Type	Indicates the type of test record <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original • Translation • Revision • Subtest 	
	Test Year	Year(s) the test was published	
	Unique Identifier	System-generated identifier for APA PsycTests records	
	Validity	Free-text field that captures test validity data provided in the source document	
	Web Site	Web site for additional information if provided by author or test publisher	