



DENTAL APTITUDE TEST SCORE SCALE

The Dental Aptitude Test (DAT) is scored using the DAT standard score scale. The standard score scale is an ability-referenced scale that ranges from 1 to 30. The scores have the same meaning regardless of the ability distribution of the particular cohort examined in the same time frame as your test date. This means the scores from one DAT can be compared to those of other DAT events.

A sample score scale has been provided to you below, to assist you in interpreting the standard scores you received on your recent Computer-Based DAT. Please note this is not an official score scale, it is a sample score scale for illustrative purposes. As part of the transition to a new Computer-Based Test, The CDA DAT Office will be developing the official score scales by the end of July 2022, once an adequate number of Canadian Computer-Based DAT tests have been written. Those scales will be available for dental schools as well for the admissions cycles that begin in the fall. With the ability-referenced score scales provided to dental schools, dental schools can reliably compare DAT scores for tests that were written in different time frames.

See the sample row below for an example of how to read the tables.

Sample row (not from this test)

Score	# Cand.	%	Cum %
17	116	9.24%	26%
<i>Your score</i>	<i># of candidates with same score</i>	<i>% of candidates with same score</i>	<i>26% of candidates had score the same or less</i>

The Science Average is the weighted average of your standard scores on the Biology and General Chemistry tests (not the arithmetic average). The Academic Average is the average of your standard scores on the Reading Comprehension, Biology, and General Chemistry tests.

