



Day of the DAT

What to Bring Checklist

- 2 Original, current (non-expired) forms of identification (ID):
 - One government issued ID, with your photograph and signature (e.g. driver's license or passport).
 - One ID with your signature (e.g. social security card, credit card, debit card, library card).
 - *Note: Make sure the name on your application exactly matches your IDs. For example: Joseph Anthony Smith and Joseph Anthony Smith or Joseph Anthony Smith and Joseph A. Smith.
- A snack
 - o Bring a granola bar, yogurt, piece of fruit, or other light snack.
 - o This snack will be stored in an assigned locker and can only be accessed during the scheduled 15 minute (optional) break.
- Earplugs
 - o Only soft, cordless earplugs are permitted in the test room (some Prometric testing centers only allow soft, cordless earplugs that are in an unopened package).
 - o Sound-reduction headphones are available at most testing locations.
- A light sweatshirt or jacket
 - *Note: Clothing worn into the test room cannot be removed. Clothing can only be removed during the 15 minute (optional) break where it can be stored in an assigned locker.

*Note: After scheduling the DAT, contact your [Prometric](#) testing center to confirm all above information.

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The Check-In and Security Process

After arriving at the Prometric testing center, you will present the front desk with current identification and receive a personal locker. Then, you will enter a security area where the test center administrator will take your fingerprint and scan your body with a metal detector wand (safe for pregnancies, pacemakers and other medical equipment). Additionally, you will be asked



to turn all pockets inside-out, raise pant legs and pull up shirtsleeves. Prior to the day of the DAT, for \$30.00, you may participate in a program called Test Drive, which allows participants to walk through all check-in procedures.

Provided Materials

After completing the stated security measures, you will be presented with two double-sided laminated sheets of grid paper (approximately 8 ½” X 11”) and an ultra-fine point permanent marker. You may request additional grid paper during the exam by raising your hand, but it may take a few moments before the test center administrator notices. Therefore, try to conserve paper space and wait until the scheduled 15-minute (optional) break to trade in your two sheets of used paper for two new ones.

The Test Room

You will then enter the test room, which consists of 10-20 computers that are each located within a cubicle. There will be many other tests being administered at the same time as your DAT and other individuals will also be typing and walking in/out; expect some noise. You will sit down at your assigned computer and be prompted through an optional tutorial. Use these 15-minutes to practice operating the computer and familiarizing with the onscreen calculator. This is a good opportunity to test out the provided sound-reduction headphones and/or your own soft, cordless earplugs. After the tutorial you will be prompted to begin the DAT.

The DAT

While taking the DAT, it is normal to feel nervous, but stay confident with your answers and move through questions in a timely manner. Following the Perceptual Ability Test (PAT), there will be a 15-minute (optional) break. On the computer screen, a digital timer will automatically count downwards from 15-minutes. Utilize this period to use the restroom, mentally refresh, eat a snack, and hydrate, but keep track of the time, it goes quickly, and the exam automatically resumes after 15-minutes.

After The DAT

Upon completion of the Quantitative Reasoning Test, you will be prompted to complete a 15-minute (optional) post-test survey. This section contains questions regarding the service provided by the Prometric testing center and the answers provided will not influence your final score. Immediately after finishing the survey, the screen will display an unofficial score report that the



front desk will print and give to you. If you are applying to dental school in the near future, you can email or fax the unofficial score report to expedite the application process as the scores take several weeks to become official. Note: It is important that your contact information is current with Prometric through the next several weeks following your test.