Overview of the LSAT

Registration
Online at www.lsac.org

Fees
Test: $175
Credential Assembly Service: $170
This service will help to consolidate your documents (transcripts, letters of recommendation, etc.) and send them to individual law schools, saving you work
Late registration: $90
Test center change: $90
Test date change: $90

Updated list of fees

Purpose
Measure skills considered essential for success in law school

What kinds of skills are considered essential?
  Reading complex and lengthy materials with understanding
  Understanding relationship structures and drawing logical conclusions
  Analyzing, evaluating, and completing arguments

Scoring
The LSAT score report includes:
  Your current score (ranging from 120-180)
  The past 12 test scores
  Your score band (the estimates of your actual proficiency level in the skills tested, also known as a standard error of measurement)
  Your percentile rank

Check the LSAT dates and deadlines page to know when you will receive your score:
What is a good score?

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Average LSAT score is **150**

For top-tier law schools, the score is usually around **171** (98th percentile) for an application to be competitive.

**Test Format**

Five 35 minute multiple choice sections
One of the sections is experimental
Sections include: reading comprehension (1), analytical reasoning (1), logical reasoning (2), and a variable/experimental section
One 35 minute writing sample

There are about 100-103 questions, with each question being worth 1 point for the raw score. The scores are then converted to the 120-180 range.

**Dates**

Occurs four times per year at designated testing centers. Click [here](#) for more information about test dates and test centers.

Make sure you take it by December for admissions for the next fall, but June or September/October tests are recommended

**How to prepare**

Taking timed practice tests
Tutoring
LSAT Classes

[Free test materials from the University of Texas libraries](#)

Books

[Official Prep Books](#)
Or choose a practice test company that fits your needs (Kaplan, Princeton Review, Manhattan, etc.)