

Locating Tests and Measurements

Tests and Reviews of Tests

Directory of Unpublished Experimental Mental Measurements

Descriptions of experimental, non-commercial tests. Does not contain reviews of the tests. Available in the Ned R. McWherter Library Reference Department on index table 10.

Mental Measurements Yearbook

Information about and reviews of commercially available English language tests is provided in the 15 editions of *Buros Mental Measurements Yearbooks*. The entries are arranged alphabetically by title of the test. Six indexes are available to aid search the yearbooks. **Important:** the numbers given in the index are **test numbers** not a page numbers.

The *Buros Mental Measurements Yearbooks* are available in the Ned R. McWherter Library Reference Department on index table 10. For help using the *Mental Measurements Yearbook* see the guide available at <http://www.unl.edu/buros/howtommy.html>.

Test Reviews Online

<http://buros.unl.edu/buros/jsp/search.jsp>

The online counterpart of *Buros Mental Measurements Yearbook* contains basic information about nearly 4,000 tests. The resource will allow you to quickly determine which edition of the *Mental Measurements Yearbook* contains a review of a specific test. Title, purpose, publisher, publisher address, and "reviewed in" information are available for each test. Reviews of the tests can be obtained in the *Mental Measurements Yearbooks* in the Reference Department on index table 10 or they may be purchased online. Test Reviews Online is searchable by title, purpose, publisher, acronym, author, and scores.

Tests in Print

Contains descriptive listings of commercially published tests in print (does not contain reviews) and an index to all of the *Mental Measurement Yearbooks*. *Tests in Print* is available in the Ned R. McWherter Library Reference Department on index table 10. For help using the *Tests in Print* see the guide at <http://www.unl.edu/buros/howtotip.html>.

Test Critiques

Title, author, description, publisher, practical uses, reliability, validity, critique and references for the most frequently used psychological, educational and business tests. Critiques measure reliability and validity. Available in the Ned R. McWherter Library Reference Department on index table 10.

Test Critiques Compendium

Description and critique of the 60 most frequently used tests, according to a survey of more than 100 test professionals. Available in the Ned R. McWherter Library Reference Department on index table 10.

TestLink from the Educational Testing Service

<http://www.ets.org/testcoll/index.html>

A searchable database of descriptions of standardized tests and research instruments from the U.S., Canada, Britain, and Australia from 1900 to the present.

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Using ERIC to Locate Information/Articles About Tests

Choose All Databases A-Z from the Libraries' homepage, scroll down to ERIC:

- ❖ **If you are looking for information on a specific test, enter the name of the test in quotation marks as a keyword search**

The screenshot shows the ERIC search interface. At the top, there are 'Search' and 'Clear' buttons. Below that, the 'Search in database:' dropdown is set to 'ERIC' with a sub-label 'Journal articles and reports in education' and a last updated date of '2004-03-31'. The 'Search for:' field contains the text '"aptitude interest inventory"' and is set to 'Keyword' search mode.

- ❖ **If you are looking for information on tests in a specific subject area, enter the subject as a keyword and the number 160 (the ERIC designation for tests, evaluation instruments) as the document type**

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Using PsycINFO to Locate Information/Articles About Tests

Choose All Databases A-Z from the Libraries' homepage, scroll down to PsycINFO and choose the appropriate years:

- ❖ **Search by subject (best for popular, established tests)**

The screenshot shows the PsycINFO search interface. At the top, there are radio buttons for search criteria: 'Words anywhere', 'Title', 'Author', and 'Subject'. The 'Subject' option is selected. The 'Find:' field contains the text 'beck depression inventory'. To the right of the field are two buttons: 'Start Search' and 'Search Builder'.

- ❖ **Enter your search in quotation marks and choose words anywhere**

The screenshot shows the PsycINFO search interface. At the top, there are radio buttons for search criteria: 'Words anywhere', 'Title', 'Author', and 'Subject'. The 'Words anywhere' option is selected. The 'Find:' field contains the text '"asperger syndrome diagnostic scale"'. To the right of the field are two buttons: 'Start Search' and 'Search Builder'.

- ❖ **Narrow a broad search with the following codes:**

2200 Tests & Testing
2221 Sensory & Motor Testing
2222 Developmental Scales & Schedules
2223 Personality Scales & Inventories
2224 Clinical Psychological Testing
2225 Neuropsychological Assessment
2226 Health Psychology Testing
2227 Educational Measurement
2228 Occupational & Employment Testing
2229 Consumer Opinion & Attitude Testing

The screenshot shows the PsycINFO search interface. At the top, there are radio buttons for search criteria: 'Words anywhere', 'Title', 'Author', and 'Subject'. The 'Words anywhere' option is selected. The 'Find:' field contains the text 'fear and (CC=2223)'. To the right of the field are two buttons: 'Start Search' and 'Search Builder'.

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Selective List of Books that Describe and Review Tests in Various Disciplines

Communication Research Measures: A Sourcebook

McWherter Library – Reference – P91.3 .C62 1994

Consumer's Guide to Tests in Print

McWherter Library – 4th Floor -- LB3060.32 N67 H36 1989

Gender Roles: A Handbook of Tests and Measures

McWherter Library – 3rd Floor -- HM253 B43 1990

Handbook of Marketing Scales

McWherter Library – Oversize -- 3rd Floor -- HF5415.3 B323 1993

Handbook of Sexuality Related Measures

McWherter Library – Oversize -- 3rd Floor -- HQ60 .H36 1998

Measures for Clinical Practice: A Sourcebook

McWherter Library – 3rd Floor -- BF176 .C66 1994

Handbook of Family Measurement Techniques

McWherter Library – 3rd Floor -- HQ728 T68 1990

Measures For Psychological Assessment: A Guide To 3,000 Original Sources And Their Applications

McWherter Library – 3rd Floor -- BF698.5 C45

Measures of Personality and Social Psychological Attitudes

McWherter Library – 3rd Floor -- BF698.4 M38 1990

Tests: A Comprehensive Reference For Assessments In Psychology, Education, And Business

Tests and Measurements in Child Development: A Handbook

McWherter Library – 3rd Floor -- BF721 J64

Women and Women's Issues: A Handbook of Tests and Measures

McWherter Library – 3rd Floor -- HQ1180 .B43

More Information

- ❖ **APA FAQ/Finding Information About Psychological Tests**
<http://www.apa.org/science/faq-findtests.html>
- ❖ **Directory of Test Collections in Academic, Professional, and Research Libraries**
McWherter Library – Reference Index Tables– LB3051 .D564 2001
- ❖ **Evaluation Tests FAQ from the National Library of Medicine**
<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/services/evaltest.html>

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Steps for Locating Tests and Reviews of Tests

Try the *Mental Measurements Yearbook*

1. Log onto *Tests Reviews Online* <http://buros.unl.edu/buros/jsp/search.jsp>
2. Enter the name of the test if you are looking for a specific test. If you are looking for a test by subject, browse the categories or try doing keyword searches for the purpose. This will give you a brief description and it will indicate if a review is available in any edition of the *Mental Measurements Yearbook*.
3. Record the edition and go to the McWherter Library Reference Department. Find the appropriate edition of the *Mental Measurements Yearbook* on index table 10.
NOTE: Instead of looking up the name of the test on *Test Reviews Online*, you can look up the name of the test in *Tests in Print*. This will also tell you which edition of the *Yearbook* contains a description and review of your test. *Tests in Print* is available on index table 10.
4. If you need a copy of the test, contact the publisher for information about purchasing the test.

Try TestLink from the Educational Testing Service

1. Log onto the TestLink <http://www.ets.org/testcoll/index.html>
2. Choose database search
3. Search for keywords in the title
4. Check the availability field.
 - If the availability field indicates **Tests in Microfiche** the test may be available on microfiche in the Periodicals/AV/Microforms Department at McWherter Library
 - If the availability lists a journal article, the article will provide the test questions
 - If the availability only lists a publisher, the test must be purchased from the publisher

Try Test Critiques

1. Go to index table 10 in McWherter Library's Reference Department and locate *Test Critiques*.
2. Look up the name/subject of the test and determine which volume contains a description/critique of the test.
3. If you need a copy of the test, contact the publisher for information about purchasing the test.

Try Other Reference Sources

1. Use the indexes of the other sources on index table 10 to see if they provide information about the test.

Try Searching the Journal Literature

1. Using an appropriate database (ERIC for education, PSYCInfo for Psychology, etc.) search for the name of your test. Most databases will allow you to put the name in quotation marks for a more specific search.
2. If you are looking for tests by subject, try your main subject area (for example *personality*) and add one of the following keywords *tests, assessments, measurements, inventory*.