

Checklist

Preparing for the DAT Scoring Change

This checklist is intended to help dental schools prepare for the American Dental Association's (ADA) Dental Admission Test's (DAT) scoring model change to a three-digit score.

Application Review	Technology & Data
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Inform Admissions Committee members:<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Conduct training.✓ Address potential bias for or against new scoring model and as compared to the Canadian Dental Aptitude Test (CDAT).✓ Calibrate all members.✓ Review minimum accepted scores.✓ Consider admissions timelines to accommodate students who retest.✓ Review the application deadline and interview dates.✓ Update scoring models, emails and other templates in WebAdMIT.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Ensure student information system will accept a three-digit score format.✓ Update school's website and online presence.✓ Link to the ADA's Concordance Table.✓ Conduct an audit of all systems where DAT scoring is kept.✓ Inform IT support and database managers.✓ Determine need to update historical records.✓ Consider how to report trend data.✓ Review reporting formats for Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) and ADEA.
Marketing & Communication	Other
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Share with internal stakeholders: advisors, admissions committee members, faculty and administration.✓ Share with external stakeholders: prospective applicants, advisors and affiliated organizations.✓ Review social media posts for accuracy.✓ Reprint materials and signage.✓ Update recruitment presentations and template communications to applicants.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Review scholarship eligibility criteria.✓ Provide Scholarship Committee with new DAT scoring information.✓ Review articulation agreement and pathway program documentation and eligibility.