



## Tests and Measures

The Tests and Measures field features the names of tests and measures included in a research study. Some of these names are drawn from an American Psychological Association (APA) authority file of more than 2,000 standardized and published tests. In addition, since 2004, we have added unpublished test names as they appear in the articles covered.

Librarians frequently ask PsycINFO® staff how to search for tests and measures. Although the specifics of searching the Tests and Measures field depend on what platform the database is delivered on, there are some general tips and tricks.

When searching, it is useful to know that if the main focus of an article is about a particular test, the name of the test will be included in the subjects and keywords fields *but not in the Tests and Measures field*. This is particularly true for discussion and theoretically based articles, where no research is reported.

The Tests and Measures field contains test names that were actually administered as part of the research. For example, if a journal article is about bilingualism as a protection against dementia, and the authors administered the Mini Mental State Examination as part of the research, then *Mini Mental State Examination* will appear in the Tests and Measures field.

In the following example, the article is about bilingualism and dementia, and the Mini Mental State Examination was administered to gather data for the research.

The citation appears as follows:

Bilingualism as a protection against the onset of symptoms of dementia.  
[Bialystok, Ellen](#); [Craik, Fergus I. M.](#); [Freedman, Morris](#)  
*Neuropsychologia*. Vol 45(2), 2007, 459-464.

And the full PsycINFO record lists the test administered in the research:

**Methodology**  
 0400 Empirical Study; 1800 Quantitative Study  
**Tests and Measures**  
 Mini Mental State Examination

However, when no test is administered as part of the research, the Tests and Measures section of the PsycINFO record does not appear. For example, in the following meta-analysis the *Beck Depression Inventory* is indexed in the keyword and index term fields but does not appear in the Tests and Measures section.



The citation appears as follows:

Meta-analysis of the factor structures of four depression questionnaires: Beck, CES-D, Hamilton, and Zung.  
[Shafer, Alan B.](#)  
 Journal of Clinical Psychology. Vol 62(1), Jan 2006, 123-146.

And the full PsycINFO record does *not* contain a Tests and Measures field.

**Classification Codes**  
[2224 Clinical Psychological Testing](#); [3211 Affective Disorders](#)

**Population Group**  
 Human

**Methodology**  
 1200 Meta Analysis

**Release Date**  
 20060213

No Tests and Measures are listed.

Some vendors allow users to search the Test and Measures field by simply including this field in the drop-down list with the other fields. For other vendors, the only way to access this field is to browse their Tests and Measures Index (found under the Indexes tab or Browse button). Some allow you to use both. The indexes are particularly useful when you do not know the exact name of the test or measure, and they often provide a simplified search of this field.

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- Any Field
- Author
- Journal Title
- Book Title
- Keywords
- Title
- 
- Abstract
- Affiliation
- Correspondence
- DOI Number
- Geographic Location
- Grant/Sponsorship
- Index Terms
- ISBN
- ISSN
- Language
- Publication Year
- Publisher
- Release Date
- Title of Reviewed Item
- Author of Reviewed Item
- Year of Reviewed Item
- Tests & Measures
- Unique Identifier

You can also use APA's Classification Codes (often in the Limits section of the search screen) as a discovery tool for tests and measures. For example, if you want to know what psychological tests might be used to evaluate eating disorders, you could search "eating disorders" in the Index Terms and then limit to "2224 Clinical Psychological Testing" under Classification Codes.

The screenshot shows the APA PsycNET search interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Easy Search', 'Advanced Search', 'Citation Finder', 'Cited References', 'Recent Searches', and 'My List'. The 'LOOK FOR' section has a search box containing 'eating disorders' and a dropdown menu set to 'Index Terms'. Below this is an 'and' section with another empty search box and a dropdown menu set to 'Any Field'. There are 'Journals Lookup' and 'Authors Lookup' buttons. The 'ONLY SHOW CONTENT WHERE' section has a 'Hide' button and a dropdown menu set to 'Classification Code'. A list of classification codes is shown, with '2224 Clinical Psychological Testing' selected. A red arrow points to the search box, and another red arrow points to the selected classification code.

Using this method, you will find articles discussing the use and validity of tests and measures in diagnosing and treating these disorders.

In 2004, the Test Appended checktag was put into effect. If a test or measure is included with the source document, then "(Appended)" appears after the test name. These appended tests are available in full text with the rest of the document.

For example, if you want to search for an article that has the State Trait Anxiety Inventory appended, type "State Trait Anxiety Inventory (appended)" (include the quotation marks) in the search box and select "Tests & Measures" from the drop-down field list.

The screenshot shows a search box containing the text "State Trait Anxiety Inventory (appended)" and a dropdown menu set to "Tests & Measures".

The full PsycINFO record for any of the resulting citations will include the Inventory in the Tests and Measures section:

The screenshot shows the 'Tests and Measures' section of a citation record. The text reads: "Tests and Measures" followed by "Fatigue Severity Scale (Appended); Beck Depression Inventory--II (Appended); State Trait Anxiety Inventory (Appended); Epworth Sleepiness Scale (Appended)".

You can also search for all appended tests simply by entering "appended" in the search box and selecting "Tests & Measures" from the drop-down list.

For more information on locating, purchasing, and using tests, please visit the APA Testing and Assessment FAQ at <http://www.apa.org/science/faq-findtests.html>.