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## What's New in PsycTESTS®?



PsycTESTS® celebrated its third anniversary in November 2014, and researchers of all kinds have now had ample time to use the database and provide us with feedback. In response to that feedback, we've enhanced it with a number of new features you suggested in a recent reload (or major update) of the database. We think you'll be pleased with the results! Let's take a look at several of the newly available search features that will streamline finding tests and ancillary information that is essential to test research.

### Selected New Limits

This database update included the development of new APA-designed **classification code** system that was applied to every PsycTESTS record to show what general area of psychology the test is designed to assess. The new [PsycTESTS Classification System](#) includes both a four-digit code and an associated description and has been mapped to all previously released PsycTESTS records. This is an especially useful tool for users who set search alerts for tests in certain research areas.

The new **instrument type** limit captures the primary testing category of the assessment tool. We've provided 15 new categories, including interviews, checklists, and surveys, in addition to those that had previously been available. Instrument Type is also provided as a limit for a search query and has been mapped to previously released PsycTESTS records. If a student is doing an overview of test measures, this is a great way to quickly review specific types of tests.

The existing **supporting documentation** limit has also been expanded to include additional kinds of supporting documents used by the authors of tests. Researchers can find scoring sheets, administration instructions, and sample test profiles).

The new **test available** check box also allows you to limit your results to records that have a test or partial test included.

You'll find the features in the limit area on APA PsycNET® and EBSCOhost® and the field dropdown lists for OvidSP® and ProQuest®.

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PsycTESTS Classification is 5000 Addiction, Gambling, and Substance Abuse/Use; 5100 Anxiety and Depression; 5200 Aptitude and Achievement; 5300 Attitudes, Interests, Values, and Expectations; 5400 Cognitive Processes, Memory, and Verbal Processes; 5500 Communication, Language, and Verbal Processes; 5600 Consumer Behavior, Marketing, and Advertising

Instrument Type is Battery; Checklist; Coding Scheme; Diary; Index/Indicator; Interview Schedule/Guide; Inventory/Questionnaire

Supporting Documentation is Answer Sheet; Instructor/Test Manual/Guide; Student/Study Guide; Test Materials; Directions/Instructions; Check Lists; Class Record Sheets

Test Available

Remove a row, Add a row, Clear form, SEARCH

APA PsycNET

Instrument Type: Battery, Checklist, Coding Scheme

Language: Audio, Chinese, Czech

Permissions: May use for Research/Teaching, Contact Corresponding Author, Contact Publisher

Record Type: Test Development, Test Use, Test Results

PsycTESTS Classifications: 5000 Addiction, Gambling, and Substance Abuse/Use; 5100 Anxiety and Depression; 5200 Aptitude and Achievement

Population Group: Human, Animal, Misc

Supporting Documentation: Answer Sheet, Checklist, Instructor/Test Manual/Guide

EBSCOhost

#### Multi-Field Search

OvidSP

All Fields

- Instrument Type
- Key Concepts
- Language
- Number of Test Items
- Number of Test Records
- Other Child Record(s)
- Other Version
- Permissions
- Population Details
- Population Group
- PsycTESTS Classification Code
- PsycTESTS Classification Word
- Publisher
- Purpose
- Subject Headings
- Supporting Documentation
- Table of Contents
- Source Citation Author ID
- Source Citation DOI
- Source Citation Date

ProQuest

Thesaurus | Field codes | Search tips

Classification — CL

Look up Classifications

Supporting documentation:

- Select all
- Answer Sheet
- Check Lists
- Class Record Sheets
- Directions/Instructions
- Instructor/Test Manual/Guide
- Lessons With Tests
- Norms/Analyses

Instrument type:

- Select all
- Battery
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### Other Additions Available With the Reload

A new **test location** element provides information on the location of the test in the source document (i.e., table or appendix and page number). Researchers won't have to pull up the entire original document and search through table and figure and appendix downloads, they can go straight to the source. We began indexing this data in spring of 2014.

Interested in comparing different uses of a test? **Other versions** uses APA-assigned unique identifiers (UIDs) to link translations, short forms, and long forms of a test with the original version of a test. The UID for other versions of a test are hyperlinked, making tracing the history of a test a seamless process. This is going to be a great tool for any faculty member who is teaching a testing course. They can now easily trace the course of a concept and of an individual test over time. A researcher can also use it to easily find other language versions of a test. These have been mapped back to all applicable records.

A new feature unique to PsycTESTS is **factor analysis**. It's a free-text element that offers a searchable detailed description of the statistical measure of variance used by test authors in the construction of a test that is pulled directly from the source document. Like reliability and validity information, this is data that will help researchers easily assess how well the test performed for its intended purpose. These have been mapped back.

New features are often generated from suggestions that we receive directly from our customers, [so tell us what you think](#) of the new PsycTESTS. PsycTESTS feedback is welcome via email ([tests@apa.org](mailto:tests@apa.org)) or by phone (800-374-2722).

### And There's More to Come

Interested in tracking an author's work throughout APA databases and beyond? The new AuthorID element, drawn from ORCID, VIVO, or OpenID data, is designed to allow just that. AuthorID has been built into the structure of PsycTESTS, but the data will not be added to records until late 2015. Once that step is complete, the ID will link to a main page showing a full list of that author's publications.

## FAQ

Throughout the year, we get a number of questions from readers about the conferences we attend. We've been asked to share more background about the types of presentations we do.

The PsycINFO Customer Relations staff attend a number of conferences each year, including ALA Midwinter and Annual. We know not everyone who may be interested in APA products and activities can attend a live training—and even those who do attend might want access to that information after the conference. So our solution? A presentation archive. You'll find it on the APA web site at <http://www.apa.org/pubs/librarians/presentations.aspx>. Watch for our presentations on SlideShare.

We currently have all the presentations from 2014 available, and we've just begun to add 2015. So if you missed a presentation or are just curious about what information we covered, come visit our archive. ✦

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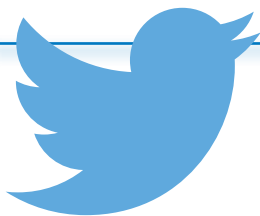
## In Search of – The Updated PsycBOOKS!

You may have noticed that we made some exciting changes to PsycBOOKS in 2014: The 12-month embargo on new APA publications has been eliminated and the *APA Handbooks in Psychology*® Series is now included as part of the database. The handbooks are useful for students who are looking for both overviews in a topic area and doing in-depth analysis in one of the subfields covered.

One recent addition to the handbook series is the two-volume *APA Handbook of Forensic Psychology*, which is an excellent resource for any discipline concerned with the scientific foundations and practical application of psychology to law, the practice of law, and law-related policy. Another resource that was added in fall of 2014 and that is certain to be useful to your students is the two-volume *APA Handbook of Career Intervention*. To learn more about PsycBOOKS, visit <http://www.apa.org/pubs/databases/psycbooks/>



An overview of PsycBOOKS is currently available on our YouTube channel: [http://bit.ly/handook\\_PB](http://bit.ly/handook_PB)



### A Top Tweet we just have to share

Every so often, a post on Twitter (or another social media platform) will catch our eye with the poster's enthusiasm for PsycINFO, or another APA database. Follow us for news and updates, or share success stories from your users.



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