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 In addition, since 2004, we have added unpublished test names as they appear in the articles covered.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:

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

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:

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

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.
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.

![Screenshot of search results](image)

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.

![Screenshot of search results with appended test](image)

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

![PsycINFO record with appended test](image)

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.