

Identifying and Finding Tests and Measures

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Searching for tests and measures can sometimes be difficult. This guide lists the major sources you should consult for educational, psychological, or behavioral measures. It does not address medical diagnostic or physical tests. Sources listed within each category are arranged by convenience of use, not by comprehensiveness.

Finding Reviews of a Specific Test

Test Review Locator

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

This source may direct you to *Test Critiques* or *Mental Measurements Yearbook*. Some of the reviews are available online for a fee. This database is a volunteer effort. Don't take the results as definitive.

Test Critiques 10 volumes, latest published in 1994

Ref BF176 .T418

Use the cumulative test title index in the last volume. If the test is in this set you'll find lots of descriptive information plus a list of further references.

Mental Measurements Yearbook Z5814 .P8 B932 latest edition Ready Reference

Complete Index / Comprehensive Index / Tests Reviewed in the MMY Series

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

The web page is a convenient way to search by test title the **9th edition to present** of *MMY*.

Getting Your Hands on a Known Instrument

If it is a published test, you may need to contact the publisher and purchase the test. Tests that are not commercially available are referred to as "unpublished." You may need to contact the author of the test for permission to use the instrument. You *might* be able to find it (or information on getting it) on the web. Try a search engine.

Published Tests and Measures

Try searching the [library catalog](#) by keyword with the name of the instrument, for example:

"trust in physician scale"	"black male experiences measure"
"willingness to tolerate nonconformists"	"instrumental activities of daily living scale"

For over 100 books that include instruments we've included the names of the measures in the contents note. All the contents notes begin with the phrase "Tests/Measurements covered in this book"

Tests and Measures in the Social Sciences

<http://libraries.uta.edu/helen/Test&Meas/testmainframe.htm>

Finding aid developed by a librarian at the University of Texas at Arlington.

ETS Test Collection

Go to <http://www.ets.org> Then click on the link for Tests in bar near top of page. You will then be in the Test Directory. Scroll down until you get to Test Link and click there. The description includes contact information.

Tests in Print

Reference Z5814 .E9 .T47

Non-Commercially Available Tests and Measures

Unpublished tests and measures are those that are not available commercially for purchase. There are several sources that can help you identify unpublished tests. To actually get a copy of an “unpublished” the test you may:

- 1) be lucky and find it replicated in a book or journal,
- 2) obtain it from Behavioral Measurement Database Services (*HaPI* database will indicate availability)
- 3) see an indication in the test author’s journal article that the instrument is deposited with the ASIST National Auxiliary Publications Service, or
- 4) need to contact the researcher who created it.

Directory of Unpublished Experimental Measures

Reference BF431 .D455

Title index for the Directory of Unpublished Experimental Mental Measures : Volumes 1-7

Reference BF431 .D456

Entries are arranged within categories and then alphabetically by test title. There is an author index for each volume and a subject index.

HaPI (Health and Psychosocial Instruments) 1985 -

Select from Indexes webpage <http://www.sc.edu/library/er>

Index to over 15,000 instruments including those related to organizational behavior and library and information science. There is no way you can tell from the citation if the source or references include the actual instrument.

Selecting a Test

ETS Test Collection

Go to <http://www.ets.org> Then click on the link for Tests in bar near top of page. You will then be in the Test Directory. Scroll down until you get to Test Link and click there.

The descriptions are searchable. *ERIC* descriptors are assigned to each entry.

Buros Institute Classified Subject Index

<http://buros.unl.edu/buros/jsp/category.html>

Classifies tests in *Mental Measurements Yearbook* (since the 9th edition, 1985) into 19 major categories.

Mental Measurements Yearbook Score Index

Ref Z5814 .P8 B932 Latest edition shelved in Ready Reference

The Score Index (no cumulative index, you must consult each edition) lists the actual variables measured by the test. To do the best search, think up alternate terms for the variable.

Tests : A Comprehensive Reference for Assessments in Psychology, Education, and Business

Ref BF176 .T43 2003

Meant as a quick and easy guide for major tests, it has some special features that could be helpful: foreign language availability index and indexes of tests suitable for special populations (hearing impaired, visually impaired, and physically impaired).

Test Critiques 10 volumes, latest published in 1994

Ref BF176 .T418

Use the categorized listing by broad subject area in the back of the last volume.

The following books describe and comment on instruments in a specialized area. To find other specialized books search the library catalog (tips offered in “Searching the Library Catalog” section of this handout).

Encyclopedia of Psychological Assessment

Reference BF39.E497 2003

Directory of Psychological Tests in the Sport and Exercise Sciences

Reference GV 706.4 .D57 1996

The Special Educator’s Comprehensive Guide to 301 Diagnostic Tests

Reference LC 4019.P53 2006

Sociological Measurement: An Inventory of Scales and Indices

Reference Z7164 .S68 B6 (1967)

Samples of Tests and Measures

The samples provided may range from 3 test items to the majority of the instrument. All of the books listed are in either Reference or Science Reference. See the “Searching the Library Catalog” section of this handout for tips on finding books that can be checked out.

Measures for Clinical Practice: A Sourcebook. Fischer and Corcoran. 2 volumes

Reference BF176 .C66 2000

Measures are arranged by use with adults, couples, families, or children. No title index, scan the table of contents. There is a cross-index by problem area. Used widely by social workers.

Measures of Personality and Social Psychological Attitudes

Reference BF698.4 .M38 1990

Measures are grouped by topic, scan the table of contents. Each chapter begins with a discussion of key issues, locating and selecting measures, and a brief discussion of the measures reviewed.

Handbook of Tests and Measurements for Black Populations

Reference BF176 .H37 1996 (vol 1-2)

Handbook of Tests and Measurement in Education and the Social Sciences

Reference LB3051 .L4543 2000

Handbook of Family Measurement Techniques

Reference HQ728.T68 1990

Handbook of Sexuality-Related Measures

Reference HQ60.H36 1998

Measuring health: a guide to rating scales and questionnaires

Science Reference RA408.5 .M38 1996

Search a relevant database <http://www.sc.edu/library/er> for citations to articles which will include the fulltext of an instrument. If you know the name of the instrument search with the name and acronym, but you can also search by a topic word or phrase and limit your search.

CINAHL (Nursing)

Change the search limit by selecting Publication Type and then *Questionnaire* or *Research Instrument*

PsycINFO (Psychology, including industrial or workplace psychology)

- There is a browsable alphabetical Index of Tests and Measures
- To find articles that include the instrument try searching with phrases: test appended, survey appended, questionnaire appended, instrument appended

ERIC (Education)

Use the pull down to search Publication Type and then find *Tests/Questionnaires*

Searching the Library Catalog

Is there a specialized book that describes, indexes, or collects tests in a likely subject area? Searching the library catalog can be a little tough because it isn't always obvious if the book is *about* tests and measurements or if the book *includes* tests and measurements. Relevant subject headings include:

Educational tests and measurements
Ability- -testing
Achievement tests
Character tests
Competency based educational tests
Criterion referenced tests
Health surveys
Language and languages- -ability testing
Norm referenced tests
Personality tests

Psychological tests
Psychological tests for children
Reading- -ability testing
Sociometry
subject- - methodology
 ex. sex role- -research- -methodology
subject- -psychological testing
 ex. aged- -psychological testing
subject- -testing
 ex. child development- -testing

Test Publishers

Buros/ERIC Test Publisher Directory Search

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

Search by keyword. Be sure to check Publisher. Directory of over 900 major commercial test publishers. Searches “freeform” - - a search on *smith* finds two test publishers: Shelby Mills*smith* Inc. and *Smith*, Gerald R.

Tests in Print

Reference Z5814 .E9 .T47

Directory in the back of each edition.