

## Admission Test for Dental Hygiene (ATDH) Quick Facts

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| Name of Examination                    | Admission Test for Dental Hygiene (ATDH)  |
| Purpose                                | The ATDH is an admission test designed to provide dental hygiene education programs with a means to assess an applicant's readiness and potential for success in these programs.  |
| Applicants                             | The ATDH is intended for candidates who are interested in pursuing a career in dental hygiene and are currently seeking admission into a dental hygiene education program in the United States.   |
| Content Domain and Test Specifications | <p>The ATDH assesses critical thinking, focusing on candidate skills in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading Comprehension</li> <li>• Language Usage</li> <li>• Quantitative Reasoning</li> <li>• Perceptual Ability</li> <li>• Biology</li> <li>• General Chemistry</li> </ul>  |
| Question Format                        | The ATDH is composed of multiple-choice test questions (items) presented in the English language. ATDH sample questions are available for free download at <a href="http://www.ADA.org/ATDH">http://www.ADA.org/ATDH</a> .  |
| Administration Dates                   | <p><b>Administration Windows:</b></p> <p>The ATDH is administered during fixed time periods referred to as "administration windows." First-time candidates must complete the ATDH during a "regular" administration window, while repeat examinees may complete the ATDH during either a regular window or a "retake only" window.</p> <p>Upcoming <b>Regular</b> administration windows are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday, March 30 through Tuesday, May 31, 2022, with results reported to candidates and programs no later than Friday, July 1, 2022.</li> <li>• Thursday, September 1 through Monday, October 31, 2022, with results reported to candidates and programs no later than Sunday, December 1, 2022.</li> </ul> <p>Upcoming "<b>Retake Only</b>" administration windows are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Each "Retake Only" administration window listed below is <u>only</u> available to candidates who attempt the ATDH during a prior "regular" administration window. Retake windows are intended to provide candidates an opportunity to retake the examination.</b></li> <li>• Wednesday, December 15, 2021 through Saturday, January 15, 2022, with examination results reported to candidates and programs no later than Friday, February 18, 2022.</li> <li>• Tuesday, July 19 through Tuesday, August 16, 2022, with examination results reported to candidates and programs no later than four weeks after candidate attempts examination.</li> <li>• Thursday, December 15, 2022 through Wednesday, January 18, 2023, with examination results reported to candidates and programs no later than four weeks after candidate attempts examination.</li> </ul> |

| Eligibility                     | The ATDH is intended for candidates who are interested in pursuing a career in dental hygiene and are currently seeking admission into a dental hygiene education program in the United States. Additional details concerning candidate eligibility are provided in the ATDH Candidate Guide.  |            |       |         |                           |  |    |                              |    |    |                       |    |    |                  |  |    |                               |    |    |                           |    |    |                  |  |    |                |    |    |                          |    |    |                         |  |    |              |            |            |
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| Administration Schedule         | <p>The ATDH contains 240 questions and requires 4 hours and 50 minutes to administer. The ATDH administration schedule is provided below.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ATDH Administration Schedule</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="505 491 1377 1268"> <thead> <tr> <th>Section</th> <th>Items</th> <th>Minutes</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Introduction and Tutorial</td> <td></td> <td>15</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Reading Comprehension</b></td> <td>40</td> <td>50</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Language Usage</b></td> <td>40</td> <td>30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Break (optional)</td> <td></td> <td>15</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Quantitative Reasoning</b></td> <td>40</td> <td>45</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Perceptual Ability</b></td> <td>60</td> <td>45</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Break (optional)</td> <td></td> <td>15</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Biology</b></td> <td>30</td> <td>30</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>General Chemistry</b></td> <td>30</td> <td>30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Post Examination Survey</td> <td></td> <td>15</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td><b>240</b></td> <td><b>290</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Section    | Items | Minutes | Introduction and Tutorial |  | 15 | <b>Reading Comprehension</b> | 40 | 50 | <b>Language Usage</b> | 40 | 30 | Break (optional) |  | 15 | <b>Quantitative Reasoning</b> | 40 | 45 | <b>Perceptual Ability</b> | 60 | 45 | Break (optional) |  | 15 | <b>Biology</b> | 30 | 30 | <b>General Chemistry</b> | 30 | 30 | Post Examination Survey |  | 15 | <b>Total</b> | <b>240</b> | <b>290</b> |
| Section                         | Items  | Minutes    |       |         |                           |  |    |                              |    |    |                       |    |    |                  |  |    |                               |    |    |                           |    |    |                  |  |    |                |    |    |                          |    |    |                         |  |    |              |            |            |
| Introduction and Tutorial       |  | 15         |       |         |                           |  |    |                              |    |    |                       |    |    |                  |  |    |                               |    |    |                           |    |    |                  |  |    |                |    |    |                          |    |    |                         |  |    |              |            |            |
| <b>Reading Comprehension</b>    | 40   | 50         |       |         |                           |  |    |                              |    |    |                       |    |    |                  |  |    |                               |    |    |                           |    |    |                  |  |    |                |    |    |                          |    |    |                         |  |    |              |            |            |
| <b>Language Usage</b>           | 40   | 30         |       |         |                           |  |    |                              |    |    |                       |    |    |                  |  |    |                               |    |    |                           |    |    |                  |  |    |                |    |    |                          |    |    |                         |  |    |              |            |            |
| Break (optional)                |  | 15         |       |         |                           |  |    |                              |    |    |                       |    |    |                  |  |    |                               |    |    |                           |    |    |                  |  |    |                |    |    |                          |    |    |                         |  |    |              |            |            |
| <b>Quantitative Reasoning</b>   | 40   | 45         |       |         |                           |  |    |                              |    |    |                       |    |    |                  |  |    |                               |    |    |                           |    |    |                  |  |    |                |    |    |                          |    |    |                         |  |    |              |            |            |
| <b>Perceptual Ability</b>       | 60   | 45         |       |         |                           |  |    |                              |    |    |                       |    |    |                  |  |    |                               |    |    |                           |    |    |                  |  |    |                |    |    |                          |    |    |                         |  |    |              |            |            |
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| <b>Biology</b>                  | 30   | 30         |       |         |                           |  |    |                              |    |    |                       |    |    |                  |  |    |                               |    |    |                           |    |    |                  |  |    |                |    |    |                          |    |    |                         |  |    |              |            |            |
| <b>General Chemistry</b>        | 30   | 30         |       |         |                           |  |    |                              |    |    |                       |    |    |                  |  |    |                               |    |    |                           |    |    |                  |  |    |                |    |    |                          |    |    |                         |  |    |              |            |            |
| Post Examination Survey         |  | 15         |       |         |                           |  |    |                              |    |    |                       |    |    |                  |  |    |                               |    |    |                           |    |    |                  |  |    |                |    |    |                          |    |    |                         |  |    |              |            |            |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>240</b>   | <b>290</b> |       |         |                           |  |    |                              |    |    |                       |    |    |                  |  |    |                               |    |    |                           |    |    |                  |  |    |                |    |    |                          |    |    |                         |  |    |              |            |            |
| Administration Vendor           | The ATDH is administered via computer at Prometric professional level testing centers. Prometric testing centers offer biometric security procedures and are located throughout the United States.   |            |       |         |                           |  |    |                              |    |    |                       |    |    |                  |  |    |                               |    |    |                           |    |    |                  |  |    |                |    |    |                          |    |    |                         |  |    |              |            |            |
| Cost                            | <p>The ATDH fees for 2022 are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Administration Fee: \$140.</b> This fee includes administration and official score reporting to all dental hygiene education programs selected at the time of application.</li> <li>• <b>Score Report Fee: \$50.</b> This fee covers score report requests made after the time of application. There is no additional charge for score report requests received at the time of application.</li> <li>• <b>Score Audit Fee (optional): \$65.</b> For a period of 30 days after a completed testing appointment, the ATDH Program is willing to audit a candidate's ATDH results to confirm their accuracy.</li> </ul>   |            |       |         |                           |  |    |                              |    |    |                       |    |    |                  |  |    |                               |    |    |                           |    |    |                  |  |    |                |    |    |                          |    |    |                         |  |    |              |            |            |
| General Policies and Procedures | Detailed policies and procedures for the ATDH Program are provided in the ATDH Candidate Guide.  |            |       |         |                           |  |    |                              |    |    |                       |    |    |                  |  |    |                               |    |    |                           |    |    |                  |  |    |                |    |    |                          |    |    |                         |  |    |              |            |            |
| Results Reporting               | ATDH results are typically reported to candidates and dental hygiene education programs approximately five weeks after the close of each administration window. ATDH results are reported as numeric scores that dental hygiene education programs can use to meaningfully compare the skills of applicants.   |            |       |         |                           |  |    |                              |    |    |                       |    |    |                  |  |    |                               |    |    |                           |    |    |                  |  |    |                |    |    |                          |    |    |                         |  |    |              |            |            |

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| <p><b>Retesting Policy</b></p>                   | <p>The ATDH Retest Policy is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidates are limited to one testing attempt per administration window.</li> <li>• The <b>“Retake Only” Windows</b> are reserved exclusively for candidates who wish to retake the examination.</li> <li>• Candidates who have had three or more ATDH attempts must apply to the ATDH Program for permission to test again. From that point forward, they may retest only once per 12-month period.</li> <li>• Candidates who are requesting additional testing beyond three attempts must submit their request in writing to the ATDH Program, and must include evidence of their demonstrated intent to apply to a dental hygiene education program.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Governance</b></p>                         | <p>In April 2020, the American Dental Association (ADA) Board of Trustees approved the formation of the ATDH Steering Committee, with Committee members appointed directly by the ADA President. The ATDH Steering Committee oversees the development, launch, and validation of the ATDH.</p>   |
| <p><b>Validity and Technical Information</b></p> | <p>The ATDH is supported by content validity arguments. ATDH content has been developed by teams of highly qualified subject matter experts, working together to build examination questions that are capable of fairly, accurately, and reliably identifying those who possess the skills necessary to successfully complete a dental hygiene program. The ATDH is built in accordance with the <i>Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing</i>. Criterion-related validity evidence will be made available in the future, as data become available.</p>   |
| <p><b>Additional Information</b></p>             | <p>Please see the ATDH website: <a href="http://www.ADA.org/ATDH">http://www.ADA.org/ATDH</a>.</p>   |