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Optometry Admission Test (OAT)

The Optometry Admission Test (OAT) is a standardized, computer-based exam required for admission into optometry school and is offered multiple times per year at Prometric test centers. The test follows a multiple-choice format. Most students take the OAT in the summer before junior year or during the junior to stay on track with their application timeline.

Tips and Notes

- Register at least 60-90 days in advance.
- On the test day, arrive to the testing center at least 30 minutes prior to their scheduled appointment for check-in procedure.
- Retakes are allowed, but are limited and should be considered very carefully.
- Cancellation or rescheduling fees apply depending on how close you are to the test date.
- Must wait 60 days between test attempts.
- Most schools will accept a score that is at most 2 years old.
- After you sign-up, you can take the test during a 6-month period.
- Take the OAT before the opening of the admissions cycle at the end of June.
- Official scores will be sent electronically to school(s) by ADA.

Step by Step

01

Apply for OAT

ADA Website
oat.ada.org

Request PIN and
Eligibility ID in
order to apply

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Schedule for OAT

Prometric
Center
prometric.com

Use Eligibility ID
to register for
testing date

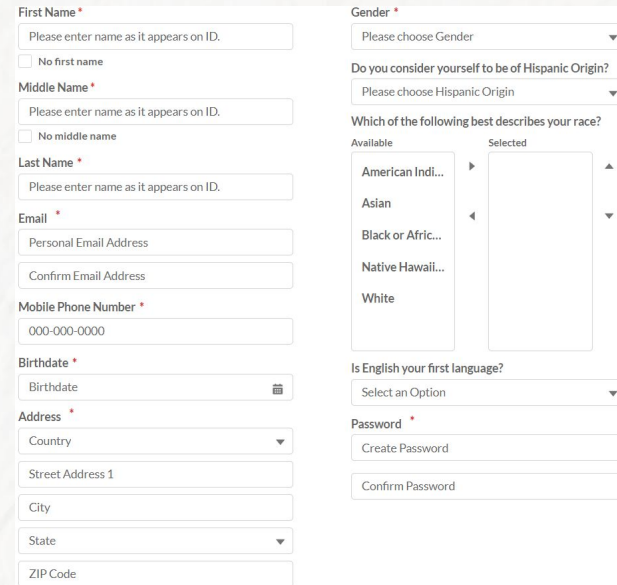
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Take the OAT

Take the test and
get the unofficial
score report
immediately on
test day

Applying for the OAT (oat.ada.org)

1. **Register for a new OAT PIN** from ADA before applying to take this examination by filling out this [form](#)
 - Choose “Register” to fill out the form
 - When creating a new PIN, the name you enter must **EXACTLY MATCH** the name on your government-issued identification (such as driver’s license or passport). On test day, the name on your ID must exactly match your OAT application or you will be denied admission and forfeit your testing fee.
 - Changes and corrections to the candidate’s application (name, birthdate, etc.) must be completed at least two weeks prior to a scheduled testing appointment.
2. **Wait for the email with your PIN** (immediately after submitting the form)
 - Recommend to use a primary personal email address and **MUST** keep track of
 - Once received the PIN, write it down
 - Until this step, you do not need to consider when to take the exam. **BUT** after submitting the OAT Application, you have only 6-month period to take the test.



The image shows a screenshot of the OAT registration form. The form is divided into two main columns. The left column contains fields for: First Name (with a dropdown menu), Middle Name (with a dropdown menu), Last Name (with a dropdown menu), Email (with a dropdown menu), Mobile Phone Number (with a dropdown menu), Birthdate (with a date picker), and Address (with a dropdown menu). The right column contains fields for: Gender (with a dropdown menu), Do you consider yourself to be of Hispanic Origin? (with a dropdown menu), Which of the following best describes your race? (with a list of options: American Indian, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian, and White), Is English your first language? (with a dropdown menu), and Password (with a dropdown menu). The form is titled 'First Name *' and 'Gender *' at the top of each column.

Applying for the OAT (oat.ada.org)

3. Create an account using your PIN and then submit a OAT application
4. Receive an email with your Eligibility ID (within a week), if you're eligible, after submitting OAT application.
 - The Department of Testing Services (DTS) will process your application and send you an email notification with eligibility information and instructions for appointment scheduling.
 - Write down the Eligibility ID immediately
 - This ID will expire within 6 months
5. Select as many optometry schools /programs as you want at no extra charge when you apply.
 - You can also add more schools later for a fee.
6. Pay the payment: \$520 (2025)
 - Eligible candidates are allowed to test for a six-month period
 - Candidates are encouraged to choose their test administration date carefully, as any last-minute requested changes (e.g., for medical or personal reasons) may not be approved.
7. Start scheduling appointment through Prometric.com (discuss next slide) after receiving the Eligibility ID

ACCOUNT SUMMARY

Personal Information

PIN 27116342

Name Nicholas Andrew Chang

[Display Status Definitions](#)

Applications

Transaction Number	Type	Date Submitted	Application Status	Eligibility Status	Details	Options
OAT-1222504	OAT	5/7/2020 4:46:35 PM	Tested	Closed	Display	

[New OAT Application](#)

You will have to make a new application EVERY TIME you take a new OAT (retake)

Requests

There are no data records to display.

[New OAT Score Request](#)

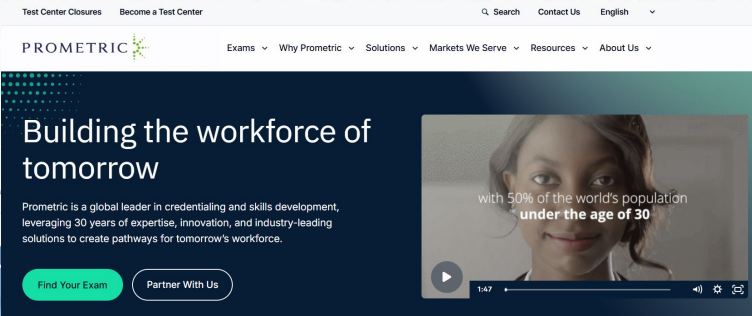
You can also opt into sending your electronic, official scores to all schools; it will only send if you actually apply to those schools on OptomCAS

Date Tested

Type	Exam Date	Status	Attempt Number	Score ID	Details
OAT	09/11/2020	Posted	1	1606299	Display

Score

Registering for the OAT (prometric.com)



Eligibility Information

Before proceeding, please provide the following information.

Eligibility ID :

First 4 Characters of Last Name :

If you do not know your program identifier, please contact your sponsoring organization.

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1. Go to [Prometric.com](https://www.prometric.com) website
2. Find Your Exam → search for “OAT” → Schedule
3. Follow through the displayed directions
 - Make sure to read through important sections such as rescheduling or canceling appointments.
 - Use Eligibility ID here
4. Select an available day/time for a specific testing center
 - 1 Testing centers in Dallas (discuss later)
5. Prometric will email you for confirmation (check spam if not there)
 - Keep track of this, notate date/time, location of exam, etc. to ensure you do not go to the wrong center, miss your time, etc.
6. Look for prohibited items in testing area in [OAT's Candidate Guide](#) (Page 28)
7. [Prepare for Exam Day](#)

Fees

- Application Fee: **\$520** (2025) – non-refundable and non-transferable
 - Includes score reporting to your selected optometry schools and unofficial score report.
- Partial fee waivers (cover 50%) are available for those who demonstrate financial need and apply early
 - The waiver does not apply to any charges associated with rescheduling or score reporting after the time of initial application.
 - Fee waivers are granted on a first-come, first-served.
- Rescheduling fee is determined by the amount of notice provided before the originally scheduled administration date
- If you plan to retake, you must wait **60 days** from the time you take the OAT (must apply + pay fee again)

FEE TYPE	DESCRIPTION	FEE AMOUNT
Examination Fee	This fee includes administration and official score reporting to all optometry schools selected at the time of application, an unofficial score report issued at the testing center (no other report will be sent), and score reporting to the candidate's advisor (if selected on the application).	\$520 (7/1/24-6/30/25)
Score Report Fee (optional)	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.	\$50 per report
Score Audit Fee (optional)	For a period of 30 days after a testing appointment, as an optional service, the Program is willing to audit a candidate's results.	\$65
Eligibility Extension Fee	Candidates can extend their eligibility period for a fee. The extension is for 45 days and is available once per submitted application.	\$145

PLEASE NOTE: As indicated above, the OAT Fee will change effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

# NUMBER OF DAYS PRIOR TO TESTING APPOINTMENT	RESCHEDULE FEES
30 or more business days*	\$40
5 to 29 business days*	\$70
1 to 4 business days*	\$150

* Saturday and Sunday are NOT business days.

Testing Centers in Dallas

Addresses



- 12342 Coit Rd, Dallas, TX 75251

Extra Tips



- Make sure your name is an **EXACT MATCH** on all your ID's
- Use the bathroom before you start
- Arrive early at least 30 minutes prior scheduled time
- Jewelry outside of wedding and engagement rings is prohibited



What to Bring

- 2 original, up-to-date forms of identification
 - 1 government-issued ID with photograph AND signature (drivers license or passport)
 - 1 ID with your signature (credit/debit card, library card, etc)
- Snack for your 30-minute break
 - You will be provided a locker to store snacks and personal items.

Best 17 min 55 min 2h 4m 33 min

University of Texas at Dallas Bookstore, V
12342 Coit Rd, Dallas, TX 75243

Add destination

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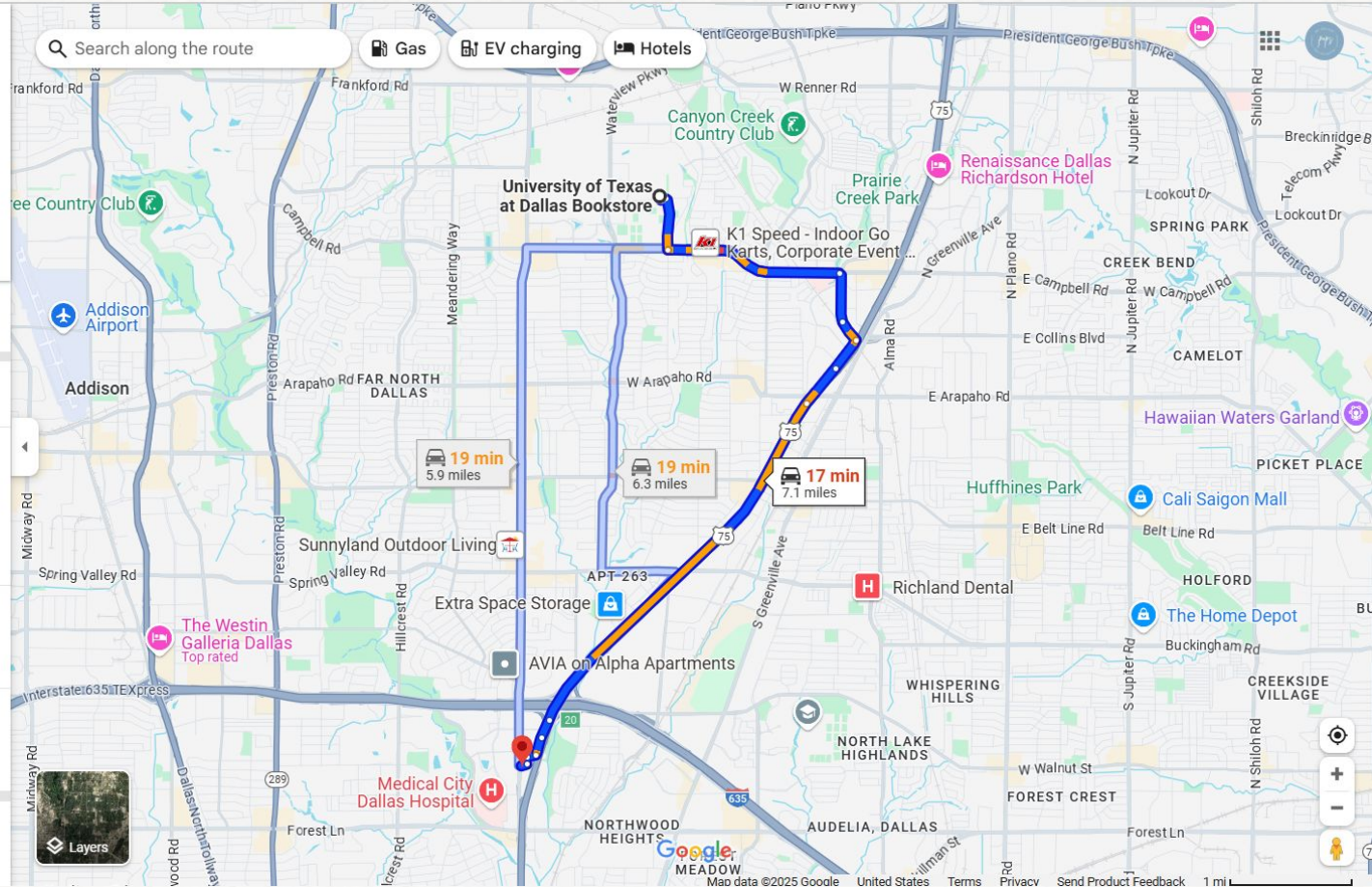
via US-75 S 17 min
Fastest route, despite the usual traffic 7.1 miles

Details

via N Coit Rd 19 min
Some traffic, as usual 5.9 miles

via N Waterview Dr 19 min
Some traffic, as usual 6.3 miles

Explore nearby 12342 Coit Rd



Administration Schedule

- The total administration time is 5 hours and 5 minutes, including the optional tutorial, scheduled break, and survey.
- Questions appear one at a time on-screen. If there is a loading delay, the test timer pauses, ensuring no lost time.
- A 30-minute scheduled break is available after the first two sections.
 - Any other break is unscheduled, during which candidates **cannot access** personal items, study materials, phones, food, drinks, or leave the test center.
 - The test will automatically start after break time even if you are not back in your seat.

OAT ADMINISTRATION SCHEDULE	
Tutorial (optional)	15 minutes
Survey of Natural Sciences	90 minutes
Reading Comprehension Test	60 minutes
Scheduled Break (optional)	30 minutes
Physics Test	50 minutes
Quantitative Reasoning Test	45 minutes
Post-Test Survey (optional)	15 minutes
Total Time	5 hours 5 minutes

Test Subjects

- 4 subjects
 - **Survey of the Natural Sciences: 100 questions (90 Minutes)**
 - Biology (40 questions)
 - General Chemistry (30 questions) – Will be provided periodic table
 - Organic Chemistry (30 questions)
 - **Reading Comprehension: 50 questions (60 minutes)**
 - 3 passages on various scientific topics
 - Prior understanding of the science topics is not a prerequisite
 - **Physics: 40 questions (50 minutes)**
 - NO CALCULATOR
 - **Quantitative Reasoning: 40 questions (45 minutes)**
 - Digital calculator is available
- More details in specific topics for each subject are available in [Candidate Guide](#) (Page 5-8)



Average OAT Score

- **Score:** Score: 200-400 and are reported in 10-point increments.
 - A good OAT score for acceptance is around 320
- **8 standard scores:**
 - Biology
 - General Chemistry
 - Organic Chemistry
 - Physics
 - Quantitative Reasoning
 - Reading Comprehension
 - Total Science Score
 - Academic Average

ACADEMIC HISTORY								
STANDARDIZED TESTS								
OFFICIAL OAT								
Date	Academic Average	Reading Comprehension	General Chemistry	Quantitative Reasoning	Physics	Biology	Organic Chemistry	Total Science
08-24-2020	360	330	390	390	360	340	350	370
UNOFFICIAL OAT								
Date	Academic Average	Reading Comprehension	General Chemistry	Quantitative Reasoning	Physics	Biology	Organic Chemistry	Total Science
08-24-2020								

“Top” OAT score: +390 (top 10%)

“Competitive” OAT score: 350-389 (top 25%)

“Good enough” OAT score: 300-349 (top 50%)

UH Average Matriculate Numbers:

- Overall/Science GPA: 3.59/3.66
- OAT: 340 (AA) and (TS)

Result Report and Send Test Scores

Result report

- An unofficial score report is provided at the test center after taking the test (unless the test spans multiple days). This is ONLY for personal use.
- Official scores are sent electronically to selected schools and posted on the candidate's OAT PIN account within 3-4 weeks after testing.

Sending Test Scores

- Optometry schools must be selected when signing up for the OAT to receive scores at no extra charge. Schools can be added later for a fee.
- If schools are selected, OptomCAS also receives official scores automatically.
- Once submitted, the list of designated schools cannot be changed. If no schools were selected, candidates must manually request score reports separately.
- Fees associated with additional service requests are non-refundable and non-transferable.
- More details are available in [Candidate Guide](#) (Page 12)

Study Tips

- Give yourself a healthy 3 to 5 months to study
- Best time for UTD students: after finishing all required classes (gen chem, ochem, bio, physics)
- Use study resources/websites → Recommend OAT Booster
 - Enable the time delay option when taking practice tests on OAT Booster to simulate the real testing center environment, including the loading screens and pauses
- Self Study – Use old school notes, other OAT books, borrow books from POPS, ask for folder with question on it
- Take excellent notes during your classes and while studying using the website/program, so it'll be easier to compile a review guide for the exam
- Take full length PRACTICE TESTS and simulate testing day/times
- Use mnemonics or memorization tips, spaced repetition, and concept maps, etc
- Be disciplined and set time
- Be sure to take breaks (avoid burnout)
- Find a suitable study environment/time
- Find an OAT study group

Study Resources/Tools

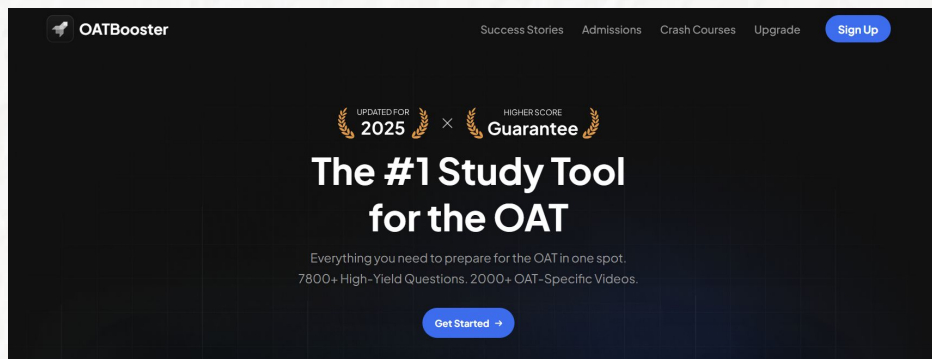
<u>OAT Booster</u>	<u>OAT Bootcamp</u>	<u>Chad's Prep</u>	<u>Kaplan</u>	<u>OAT Destroyer Book</u>	<u>Anki</u>
\$599 (90 days)	\$549 (90 days)	\$60 (1 month) Free on Youtube	\$699 (3 months) \$999 (6 months)	About \$315	Free
Comprehensive study materials, realistic practice tests, video explanations, detailed analytics	High-quality question bank, full-length exam practices, video solutions, customizable study plans	Great for chemistry and physics, Chad's videos simplify difficult concepts with clear explanations	Traditional test prep company, structured courses, live and self-paced options, full-length exams	Challenging question bank for deep content review, good for high scorers, best for chemistry and biology	Flashcard-based system, ideal for memorizing facts, customizable decks for all OAT subjects

OAT Booster Discount

- Price: \$599
- Access Time: 90 days
- POPS Discount Code: “utdpreoptometry” for 10% off
- Website: boosterprep.com/oat
- What does it include?

- PRACTICE TESTS!!!

- Lots of practice problems
- 7800+ OAT Questions
- 5000+ Custom Illustrations
- 2000+ OAT-Specific Videos
- OAT-Specific Science Notes
- Cheat Sheets
- Membership Pause Feature
- One-on-One Tutoring



OAT Recommended Timeline

Mid-May



Start Studying

Look over all the concepts and familiarize yourself with it.
Take notes.

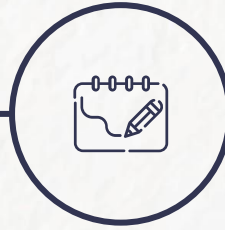
June



Finish Notes

Finish taking notes/watching videos. Learn and practice with single section exams.

July



Practice Exams

Start doing practice exams and get the timing down.

August



Review

Review the exam material and focus on areas of difficulty. Rest up!

Retesting, Reschedule/Cancel, No-show Policy

Retesting Policy

- Candidates must submit a new application and fee for each attempt.
- A **60-day waiting period** is required between attempts, with a maximum of four attempts per year.
- Three or more attempts require proof of application to optometry school for future tests.
- After five attempts, candidates can only test once per year.

Reschedule/Cancel & No-show Policy

- Rescheduling must be done through the Administration Vendor at least 24 hours in advance, with applicable fees.
- If a candidate fails to appear for a scheduled testing appointment, OR if a candidate presents more than 30 minutes after the scheduled start time and is refused admission, then their full testing fee will be forfeited.
- More details are available in [Candidate Guide](#) (Page 15, 17)

Optometry Schools in US

[ASCO Member Schools and Colleges](#)

- Use this list to help you select optometry schools when applying for OAT

U.S. currently has 25 optometry schools!!
And **Texas** has 2 optometry schools.

ASCO Member Schools and Colleges

