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**Guide to Educational & Psychological Tests**

**What are educational or psychological tests?**

- An instrument or procedure to measure knowledge or behavior
- Testing involves measurement and procedures for coding, scoring and quantifying results so that they can be compared with normative data. Testing is used to evaluate:
  - Human abilities: intelligence, aptitudes, skills, and achievement
  - Personality characteristics: traits, attitudes, interests and values
  - Adjustment and mental health: detecting signs and symptoms of psychological and neurological disorders and appraising the effectiveness of psychological functioning
- Published psychological tests are available for purchase through test publishers
- Unpublished psychological tests usually appear in journal articles


**How do I find out about published tests?**

The following reference books provide descriptions, purchasing information, applications and uses, reviews and bibliographies.

1. *Mental Measurements Yearbook* (MMY) REF Z 5814 P8 B932
2. *Test Critiques* REF BF 176 T419

**How do I use my MMY online in EBSCO?**

- Go to http://library.nu.edu >> All Resources >> M
- Select Mental Measurements Yearbook
- Type in key words from test name.

**How do I find out about tests on the Buros Institute Website?**

- Go to The Buros Center for Testing; http://buros.org
- Select Test Reviews Online

**BUROS**

- Over 4,000 tests are listed. Reviews are available for purchase on over 2,000 tests

**Alphabetical Search**

- Click here for an alphabetical listing of tests and reviews

**Category Search**

- Click here for a listing of tests classified into 18 subject categories

Keywords:
- Self perception inventory
- Search for (keywords) in:
  - All fields
  - Title
  - Publisher
  - Author
  - Acronym
  - Purpose
  - Scores

Search Help

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How come not all tests are listed?
- Test is out of print
- Test is new and received too late to review
- Qualified reviews could not be found
- Test is too obscure

Where do I find copies of tests?
- Many psychological and educational tests are restricted and may only be used by qualified people.
- National University Library circulates some psychological and educational test kits through course reserves. Only vetted/authorized students have access to these materials.
- Students needing to view psychological or educational tests for their classes are encouraged to work with their instructors and the department.

How do I purchase a copy of a test?
- Publishers of tests provide descriptions of tests, and information about cost and availability. See the Buros Institute website: http://www.unl.edu/buros/index.html
- Addresses of test publishers may also be found at the ETS website at http://www.ets.org

How do I find information on unpublished tests?
To find unpublished test reviews, look in:
- Directory of Unpublished Experimental Measures – Identifies non-commercial experimental measures devised by researchers and publishers in top journals: REF BF 431 G625 (also in circulation)
- ProQuest Research Library: Psychology Module
- PsycINFO or PsycARTICLES (EBSCO)

Example Search in EBSCO:
Search using keywords from the test name such as: Male Role Norms