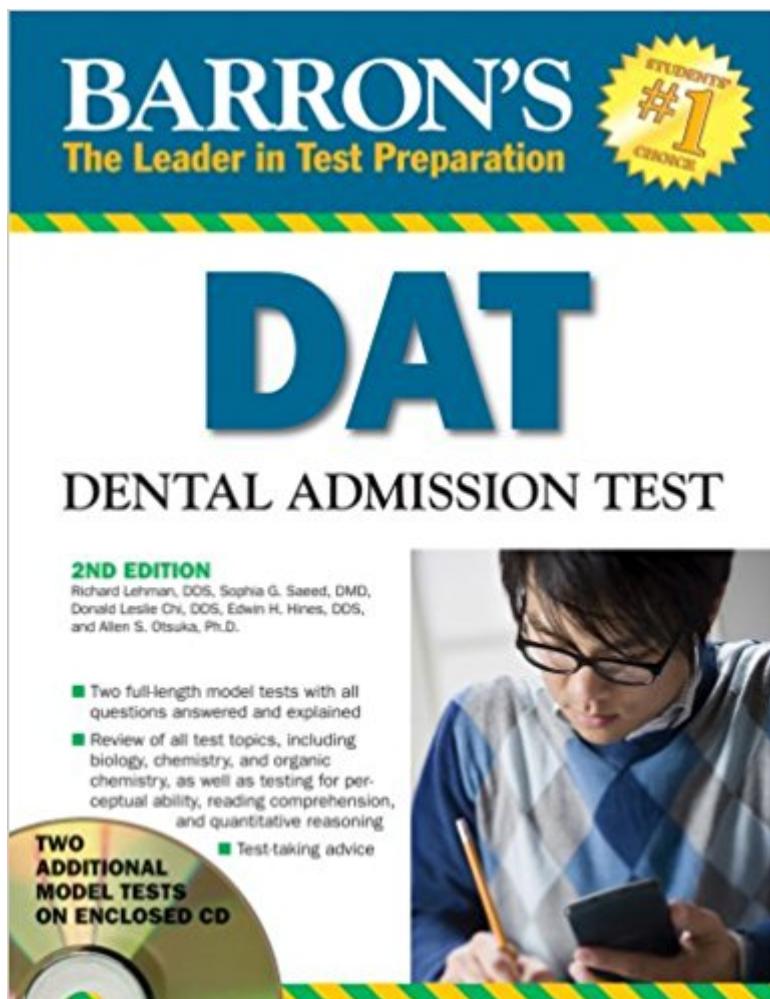


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Updated and supplemented with a brand-new CD-ROM, this manual prepares dental school applicants across the United States and Canada to pass the required admissions test. The book opens with an overview of the DAT that includes test-taking advice, followed by a description of dental education and the practice of dentistry. A review of all DAT test topics is presented. They include general surveys of biology, chemistry, and organic chemistry, as well as testing for perceptual ability, reading comprehension, and quantitative reasoning. Two full-length model DATs complete this manual and come with all questions answered and explained. The DAT is a computerized test, and this book's bonus CD-ROM presents two additional model DATs that simulate actual test-taking conditions. They come with automatic scoring.

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Customer Reviews

I heard about the bad reputation that this book had before I bought it but I am very glad I bought it! It has errors, but I feel as though the perceptual ability is amazing in this book! I thought this book was better than Kaplan's and it prepared me better, giving me word problem examples for the math section compared to a bunch of nonsense that Kaplan has in their book. I used Kaplan and Barrons study books, and I also reviewed internet material for biology and my textbook for chemistry. Kaplan is average for biology, chem and ochem but their perceptual ability is way too easy and the math section of the dat is primarily word problems and Kaplan I remember didn't even have 1 of them in

there! I think Barrons is a great investment, especially since it is so cheap, it does give you some great questions to think about and prepare you for the actual test. Kaplan is just too broad and I almost thought it was useless besides the study questions that they give. I thought Barrons was a great piece of study material. I got a 21 AA and 21 PAT. No Kaplan class, just studied on my own for two full summers. Good luck to all of you!

The PAT section of this book alone was worth it hands down. Much better than Kaplan's PAT section, which I think is a joke. There are four practice tests, two in the book and two on the disc that comes with it. They're pretty accurate and can give you a good idea of the real DAT. Moreover, these four practice tests give you just what the name implies. Practice. Which is, I believe, one of the most important things in prepping for the DAT. You need to know the test inside and out. It should be "old hat" as some like to say. When you sit down to take the test it should be the same thing you've done over and over again. Baron's book was definitely instrumental in helping me achieve that. Sure there are typos, but so what? Don't let that keep you from getting the gist. (Yes that was intentional) For reference, my scores were around the 90th percentile mark. Not the best, but certainly not bad.

As many before me have written, this book contains MANY appalling errors. If they were all corrected, I would have given the book 4.5 stars! They are not simply typos but errors in regards to actual content and answers/explanations for the questions. It seems as though the publishers just didn't bother to edit the material at all. Although there are numerous mistakes in the text, in all fairness, it's a great practice source for potential DAT takers and there are some good strategy tips for the PAT section and on how to maximize your time and be more efficient. Timing is the key to any standardized test. You may know everything but if you can't apply it within the time frame given, it's absolutely useless. I'm not taking a prep course, just doing self-study using Barron's and Kaplan materials. I find the Kaplan book is much more thorough with the Natural Sciences whereas Barron's doesn't really elaborate on the need-to-know topics, especially in the biology portion. However, Barron's does provide a fairly nice straight-forward overview of the main ideas of each topic, sort of like a quick reference guide. Kaplan can be somewhat overwhelming in the sense that they cover too much stuff. In addition, Kaplan doesn't give many strategy tips, in my opinion, none at all. Kaplan just gives you the facts and leaves you to figure it out on your own. Even though there are plenty of mistakes in Barron's, it is a nice challenge to be able to pick up on them and learn from it, but yes, BEWARE...it is misleading and confusing if you're using this book as your only tool for

studying and have nothing to compare it to. Overall, this text is good for practice and picking up some strategies when used as an adjunct with other study materials such as Kaplan and/or your own college texts.

This book is awesome for a review of all sections. If you just read through it once, you get a great solid foundation for studying. I love that it had two exams with explanations for each answer. I would recommend as one of the books to have for DAT!

Very thorough and well written. The layout is easy to follow and made studying for the DAT a little more enjoyable:). Highly recommend to any other Pre-Dental students out there.

This book comes with lots of errors and I started to question if I was answering those practice problems correctly or not. Don't purchase! You're better off investing your money in Kaplan and Princeton Review books.

Love the practice exams and how the explanations are detailed. Good study guide.

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