Select an Index Formula

Your index formula is based on a weighted composite of an LSAT score and an Undergraduate Grade Point Average (UGPA) and appears on each Credential Assembly Service (CAS) law school report as well as in ACES². Index values can be used as part of your assessment of applicant qualifications.

You can make your index formula selection in ACES² once we have notified you that previous index value data for your school is in ACES². This generally occurs in May. It is important to submit your selection no later than June 14. This index calculation will be applied for the upcoming fall application cycle.

- If you do not update your index formula, your current formula will be used for the upcoming cycle.

Submit Your Index Formula Selection

1. From Data Submission, choose **Index Formula Selection**.

   Alternatively, choose **Index Formula Selection** from the Data Submission section of the site map.

   You will see the following:

   Index Formula Currently on File—this is what is in use by your school.

2. Select the Index Formula Year to view other admission cycles. The earliest admission cycle you will be able to see in ACES² is 2018–2019.
Correlation Formulas

- These formulas are based on the most recent results of your school’s first-year performance/LSAT correlations study (if your school opted for this study) for both the average and highest LSAT scores.

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**AVERAGE LSAT SCORES**

- Index = 0.021 (LSAT) + 0.254 (UGPA) + 0.985
- R-value/correlation coefficient = 0.447
- Maximum Index Value = 3.50
- % LSAT = 61.56
- Minimum Index Value = 2.00
- % UGPA = 38.44

**HIGHEST LSAT SCORES**

- Index = 0.020 (LSAT) + 0.289 (UGPA) + 0.995
- R-value/correlation coefficient = 0.415
- Maximum Index Value = 3.90
- % LSAT = 56.24
- Minimum Index Value = 2.00
- % UGPA = 43.76

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Index Calculations

- Select one of the index calculation options.

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**INDEX CALCULATIONS**

Select one of the following index calculation options listed below.

1. **Correlation Formula**

2. **Correlation Formula with Adjusted Scale**

   - Maximum Index:
   - Minimum Index:

3. **Formula Based on Proportional Weightings**

   - Maximum Index:
   - Proportion of LSAT:
   - Minimum Index:
   - Proportion of UGPA:

4. **Other Formula**

5. **Current Index Formula (no change)**

6. **No Index Formula**
• Correlation Formula—gives a statistically optimal formula for predicting first-year averages based on LSAT and UGPA values.

• Correlation Formula with Adjusted Scale—allows you to use the correlation study results but apply a different range of index values. Enter a maximum and minimum index value.

• Formula Based on Proportional Weightings—allows you to specify the proportional contributions of LSAT score and UGPA. Enter a minimum and maximum index value.

• Other Formula—allows you to specify your own precise values for the formula multipliers and constant using up to three decimal digits.

• Current Index Formula—uses the current index formula on file at LSAC that is now being used to calculate index values for your school for the present admission year’s CAS reports.

• No Index Formula—choose this option if you do not want index values calculated.

LSAT Score Type

• Indicate the LSAT score type on which to base your index calculation. Select either Average or Highest LSAT Scores. This is required when choosing options 1 through 4 above.

Index Formula Selection Preview

This section allows you to enter any LSAT score and UGPA combination and view an example of what the index will be on the CAS report and in ACES². You can test your index calculation based on the index formula calculation you select.

• Enter LSAT scores and UGPAs to view how the index will appear.

Here is an example:
Approved By

Enter the name of the person approving the selection prior to submitting your index formula, then select Submit.

Index Formula Final Submission

After you select Submit, a confirmation window displays the index formula selection you chose and the name of the person who approved the calculation. Use the print function to print your selection.
Select **Yes** to finalize your submission or **No** to cancel. Once you select **Yes**, you will not be able to edit or change your selection in ACES². If you need to change your selection, please contact your regional support manager.

**User Role**

You must be given access to `DataSubmission.IndexFormulaSelection` located under the `DataSubmission` user role. This allows you to view and submit the index formula selection. The default is no access.

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