

Important Instructions for LSAT Writing

Preparing to take LSAT Writing? Here are some helpful tips and reminders to help you prepare!



REGISTER for the LSAT.

- ✓ Check your availability date for LSAT Writing in your [LSAC.org](https://lsac.org) account under the Testing Status section.
- ✓ LSAT Writing is included as part of your LSAT registration.

Please note that for your LSAT to be considered complete, you must have at least one writing sample on file. If you do not have a writing sample on file, please complete LSAT Writing immediately in order to meet schools' application deadlines so that you can receive full and expeditious consideration for admission and financial aid at all of the schools to which you apply.



REVIEW LSAT Writing Rules and What You Need.

Prohibited Items

- Additional computers, monitors, mobile phones, or any devices other than the one used to take LSAT Writing
- Headphones, earbuds, or any electronic noise-canceling devices
- Food and drink
- Sunglasses and head coverings, other than religious apparel
- Any digital messaging or note-taking programs

Allowable Items

- One sheet of blank scratch paper; writing instruments; an eraser; soft, nonelectronic, noncorded/banded, generic foam earplugs; and tissues. Each must be held up to the camera during the room scan procedure.
- External programs you typically use to make web content accessible (for example, JAWS, ZoomText, or Kurzweil 3000).
- Backpacks and similar items should be stored out of sight (or in another room, if possible).
- Bags and printed materials may be in the room, but they may not be on your work surface, accessed, referenced, or used during the session.

What You Need

- A desktop or laptop computer, running Windows or Mac OS, that has a webcam, a microphone, only one connected monitor, and an internet connection. LSAT Writing is not compatible with mobile devices, Chrome OS, or Linux.
- A nonmilitary, government-issued photo ID, such as a passport book, passport card, driver's license, or North American state- or province-issued ID
- A quiet, well-lit, and private work space with no distractions.

Note: No other computers or monitors are allowed in the room.



FAMILIARIZE yourself with how LSAT Writing works to prepare.

Use the Get Acquainted with LSAT Writing tool, available in your [LSAC.org](https://lsac.org) account, to try out the LSAT Writing process before you sit down to write your real essay.

Remember: Any essays you write using Get Acquainted with LSAT Writing will disappear when you close it. No law schools will ever see what you write, so use this tool as many times as you like until you're confident and ready for the real session.

Note: Should you need technical support, you may call 215.968.1001, press **4** if you require technical assistance. Technical support hours of operation are January through December, 8:30 a.m.–6 p.m. ET. If you have any general questions or concerns, please contact LSAC by calling 215.968.1001 and pressing **0** to speak to a representative during normal business hours (September through February, 8:30 a.m.–6 p.m. ET; March through August, 8:30 a.m.–4:45 p.m. ET). You may also email us at LSATwriting@LSAC.org.



PREPARE to take LSAT Writing.

- Ensure a quiet space free of distractions.
- Check to make sure you only have allowable items in the room, including your blank scratch paper, pen or pencil, eraser, and foam earplugs.
- Get your ID ready. The first and last name on your ID must exactly match the first and last name under which you registered for the assessment.
- Close all prohibited applications on your computer. Make sure your smartphone, digital watch, or fitness tracking device isn't in the room.

Remember: If anyone enters the room while you are testing, you must ask them to leave immediately. You don't need to stop the session if this happens.



GET READY to launch LSAT Writing.

Get ready to launch the session! Remember that once you click the link to launch the test, it will begin the assessment process. If you need to end the session before completion, you will need to call LSAC to restart your session.



CLICK the link in your [LSAC.org](https://lsac.org) account to launch the test.

You'll start your session by clicking the link provided in your LSAC.org account, under the LSAT Writing Status and Launch section. When you begin the session, you will be prompted to either download the assessment software or launch it (if you have already installed it while testing your system with the Get Acquainted with LSAT Writing tool). At this point, the session has begun and you must continue in order to complete your LSAT Writing.



FOLLOW the instructions on the screen to complete the security check-in.

1. When prompted, perform the microphone and webcam check.
2. Agree to the terms and conditions.
3. When prompted, show your valid ID to your webcam.

Note: The name on your ID must match the name under which you registered for the assessment. Military IDs may not be used. Make sure the photograph is clear before continuing. You will not be able to go back once you've submitted your ID, and your essay may be held if your ID can't be read.

4. When prompted, "scan your room" with the webcam. Film your work space, being sure to film your desktop, walls, the floor under your desk, and **both sides of your sheet of scratch paper**.
5. After you are prompted, take a photo of your face that will be compared to your ID. Make sure it's clear before moving on.
6. Agree to LSAC's Certifying Statement.
7. Read LSAC's general directions.

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WRITE your essay in response to the prompt as instructed.



CLICK the **Submit** button and then **End Test** once you are finished.

Congratulations! You have completed your LSAT Writing.

Note: Be sure to select the **Close** button once you have submitted your essay. This will stop the recording of the test.

REMINDERS:

- ✓ Test takers sign a certifying statement promising not to discuss any portion of the test — including the writing prompt — with anyone. Violating this agreement may result in serious implications, including a misconduct proceeding that may result in a ban on future test registrations.
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