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

**REGISTER for the LSAT.**

- Check your availability date for LSAT Writing in your 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 and 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 for the Exam.**

**Prohibited Items**
- Additional computers or monitors
- Headphones, earplugs, and earbuds (unless otherwise specified in an accommodation approval letter, if applicable)
- Food and drink
- Sunglasses and head coverings, other than religious apparel
- Mobile phones and all other electronic devices (except the computer being used for the exam)
- Any messaging or note-taking programs

**Allowable Items**
- One sheet of blank scratch paper, writing instruments, and tissues. Each of these items must be shown to the camera during the room scan portion of the security check-in procedure.
- Bags and printed materials may be in the room, but they may not be accessed or used during the exam.
- External programs you typically use to make web content accessible (for example, JAWS, ZoomText, or Kurzweil 3000).

**FAMILIARIZE yourself with how LSAT Writing works to prepare.**

Visit Get Acquainted With LSAT Writing. This is a tool for you to try out the LSAT Writing process before you sit down and write your real essay. The Get Acquainted link is available in your LSAC.org account.

Remember: Any essays you write in Get Acquainted With LSAT Writing will disappear when you close it. No law schools will ever see what you write, so use it as many times as you like until you’re confident and ready for the real exam.

Note: Should you need technical support, you may call 1.844.644.8248. Technical support is provided 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. 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 – February, 8:30 a.m. ET – 6:00 p.m. ET; March – August, 8:30 a.m. ET – 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 to complete LSAT Writing.
- Close all prohibited applications on your computer.
- Check to make sure you only have allowable items in the room, including your blank scratch paper and pen or pencil. Make sure your smartphone or watch isn’t in the room.
- Get your ID ready. The name on the ID must match the name under which you registered for the exam.

Remember: If anyone enters the room while you are testing, you must ask them to leave immediately. You don’t need to stop the exam if this happens.
GET READY to launch LSAT Writing.

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

CLICK the link in your LSAC.org account to launch the test.

You’ll start your exam by clicking the link provided in your LSAC.org account, under the LSAT Writing Status and Launch section. When you begin the exam, you will be prompted to either download the exam 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 exam has begun and you must continue.

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. Show your valid ID to your webcam.
   
   Note: The name on the ID must match the name under which you registered for the exam. 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!

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 misconduct proceeding that may result in a ban on future registrations.

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