

Participants ~ Frequently Asked Questions



WAIS 5^{CDN} Standardization Study

Why do you want me to participate?

The purpose of this study is to “test the test”. The WAIS 5^{CDN} was originally developed in the United States, therefore, we need to evaluate how it works within the Canadian population. To do this, we need people of various ages, ethnicities, and socioeconomic backgrounds from across Canada to take the assessment. This will also allow us to understand how people typically perform on the WAIS 5. The results of this study will be used to create the final version of the *Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale – Fifth Edition: Canadian* (WAIS 5^{CDN}).

What will I be asked to do?

Each participant will be asked to perform a variety of tasks including solving puzzles, recalling numbers, defining words, and answering questions about the world; all the tasks in this assessment will be age-appropriate for you. Some of the tasks will be easy for participants, and some will be more challenging. There is no expectation that every item be completed. The Examiner that will administer the test can provide you with further details about these tasks if you have questions.

How long will the test take?

The test session, on average, may take between 1 and 3 hours to complete, depending on the your age, ability level, and test-taking style. Short breaks between tasks can be taken as needed. You may also be invited to complete additional validity study tests, but this involvement is entirely optional and can be completed separately from the WAIS 5^{CDN} session; if you choose to participate you will be compensated for completing these additional assessments.

Where will the session(s) take place?

The Examiner administering the test will contact you to schedule the testing session. You and the Examiner will organize a time and place for the session(s). The testing location is decided based on your (and the Examiner’s) preferences and comfort levels. This might be in an office space or clinic, in your home, or in a public space like a local library or community centre. The environment must be quiet and free from distraction.

Who will conduct the test sessions?

The assessment will be administered by a trained “Examiner”. Your Examiner will be a:

- Registered psychologist or psychological professional; or
- Certified Educator or education professional; or
- Supervised psychology master’s, doctoral, or post-graduate student.

Are there any risks associated with participation in this study?

There are no expected physical or psychological risks associated with participation in this study. Given that some tasks will be harder or have more challenging components, there is the chance that you may become tired or frustrated. However, the assessment is designed to mitigate this, and the Examiner will tailor the session according to your individual abilities, and stop tasks when appropriate. You will also be able to take breaks during the session between tasks, as needed, to reduce any fatigue.

What will my participation involve?

The Examiner assigned to administer your test will ask you to answer questions in various formats, including spoken responses, pointing to various items in a “Stimulus Book”, and completing timed tasks in a “Response Booklet” provided by Pearson. The Examiner will document some of your responses in another booklet called a “Record Form”, as well as, with your permission, capture audio recordings of your responses during certain tasks; this allows them to listen to the recording later to ensure all responses are captured accurately and is necessary due to the fast-paced/timed nature of some of the tasks. This recording will be strictly confidential and only accessible to your Examiner and/or the Research Team, if needed.

Will I get my test results?

We are not able to share the WAIS 5^{CDN} test results. The test is still being developed, and the data being collected is for research purposes only; the results from your participation will be used to select items for the final version of the assessment tool. However, these results are not obtained within a formal clinical evaluation scenario, which is necessary for proper use and interpretation of test scores. When the product is published, professionals (e.g., psychologists, occupational therapists) will use this test to evaluate the cognitive abilities of adolescents and adults.

How will I be paid for my participation?

You will receive financial compensation for participating in the WAIS 5^{CDN} study in the form of an electronic giftcard, sent to the email address you provided on the study’s Consent Form. You will be able to select a digital gift card from a variety of options, such as Amazon, Indigo, Cineplex, Esso, and more. This amount is intended to recognize the time and effort dedicated to completing the assessment.

Will my information be kept confidential?

All information you provide to Pearson will be kept strictly confidential and will only be used for research purposes. We do not sell or give any of your information to any outside groups. All personally identifiable information (PII, e.g., date of birth, address) will only be handled by the Pearson Clinical Assessment Team. PII communicated digitally will be done so via secure, password-protected digital platforms. PII communicated on paper documents will be submitted to our Pearson Clinical Assessment office in Toronto, where it will be securely stored.

If you have any additional questions about participation in this study, please contact the Research Team, available weekdays from 9am–4:30pm EST, via email (research.canada@pearson.com) or phone (+1 (647) 245 6067).