



Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale[®] Fourth SA Edition (WAIS[®]-IV^{SA})

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Adapted for South Africa by JvR Psychometrics (Pty) Ltd.

PURPOSE	To measure intelligence in adolescents and adults
ADMINISTER TO	Individuals 16 years 0 months to 59 years 11 months (60 years 0 months to 80 years in research phase)
READING/EDUCATIONAL LEVEL	Grade 10 (NQF Level 2)
ADMINISTRATION TIME	60 – 90 minutes
SCORING OPTIONS	Hand-scoring
PUBLICATION DATE	2008; adapted for SA in 2015
HPCSA	Certified
TRAINING	Optional training available
LANGUAGES	South African English
SA NORMS	Yes

In recognition of emerging demographic and clinical trends internationally, the WAIS-IV^{SA} was developed to provide clinicians with the most advanced measure of cognitive ability. The WAIS-IV^{SA} is a comprehensive measure of adult intelligence that can be used for a variety of psychological purposes; from forming part of a selection battery to determine an individual's ability to qualify for special services, to identification and treatment of psychological disability. The WAIS-IV^{SA} edition has been adapted to specifically suit the needs of the South African population.

ASSESSMENT SCALES

The WAIS-IV^{SA} is composed of 10 core (C) subtests and 5 supplemental (S) subtests, with the 10 core subtests comprising the Full Scale IQ. The WAIS-IV^{SA} produces four index scores made up of the following subtests:

Verbal Comprehension Index (VCI): Similarities (C), Vocabulary (C), Information (C), and Comprehension (S)

Perceptual Reasoning Index (PRI): Block Design (C), Matrix Reasoning (C), Visual Puzzles (C), Picture Completion (S), and Figure Weights (S)

Working Memory Index (WMI): Digit Span (C), Arithmetic (C), and Letter-Number Sequencing (S)

Processing Speed Index (PSI): Symbol Search (C), Coding (C), and Cancellation (S)

AREAS OF APPLICATION

The WAIS-IV^{SA} can be used in the following areas:

- Clinical and neuropsychological assessment
- Psycho-legal assessment (e.g., qualification for disability grants, child custody, personal injury, and incapacity evaluations)
- Advising displaced and transitioning employees in outplacement programmes
- Educational planning
- Psychological research

REPORT OPTION

Hand-Scoring: The WAIS-IV^{SA} is hand-scored and information gathered about the individual can be used to compile an interpretive report.

SOUTH AFRICAN RESEARCH

The WAIS-IV^{SA} has been adapted for use in South Africa and has South African norms available. JvR Psychometrics welcomes the opportunity to partner with clients to conduct further research using the WAIS-IV^{SA} edition in South Africa.