



Modified Crosswalk: Visual and Motor Modifications to BCAT® Scoring

Occasionally, there may be clients who are candidates for assessment, but who are unable to complete the full BCAT® test due to functional limitations, such as visual and/or graphomotor deficits. The BCAT® Test does not allow clinicians to report an "N/A" score for items that the client cannot complete. In order to obtain an accurate clinical picture of the client, omitting specific test items and using a modified crosswalk to score the test may be necessary. The following adaptations can be made to assess clients with these deficits.

For persons with visual limitations, omit administration of the following BCAT® Test items that require attention to visual stimuli.

BCAT® Test Item Number	BCAT [®] Subtest Name	
3	Visual recognition/naming	
15	Visuospatial design	
16	Visuospatial clock	
19	Delayed visual memory	

For persons with motoric or graphomotor limitations, omit administration of the following BCAT® Test items that require written output.

BCAT® Test Item Number	BCAT® Subtest Name	
15	Visuospatial design	
16	Visuospatial clock	

Next Steps

To calculate the modified total BCAT® Test Score, with these subtest items omitted, sum the resulting scores, and reference the respective crosswalk table below for interpretation information.

Full BCAT® Test (Standard Scoring)		Visual Modified Scoring	Motor Modified Scoring
Normal	44-50	34-40	39-46
MCI	34-43	27-33	31-38
Mild dementia	25-33	20-26	23-30
Moderate- severe dementia	0-24	0-19	0-22

NOTE: BCAT® Factor Scores are unaffected by these modifications.

Mace, R. A., & Mansbach, W. E. (2018). Validity of Brief Cognitive Assessment Tool Modifications for Older Adults with Visual and Motor Limitations. Journal of Clinical and Experimental Neuropsychology, 40(7), 715–721. doi: 10.1080/13803395.2017.1423041.