

To Whom it May Concern:

Feel free to use the Perceived Stigma of Substance Abuse Scale (PSAS) in your research. If you have any questions about the scale, please email me. I would also ask that you let me know about any results you obtain using the scale and/or send me a copy of any articles that you publish that contain the scale. There is little research being conducted on stigma in addiction and so I like to try to help facilitate new research and keep abreast of what's happening. The appropriate reference is listed below.

Please also note that there was a minor error in the original publication that stated that the measure was scored using a 7-point Likert scale. The measure was actually scored using the 4-point Likert scale as used in the measure below.

Regards,

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<http://www.portlandpsychotherapyclinic.com/training/publications>

Reference:

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Scoring

This scale provides a single total score.

Reversed scored items are 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8

The scale total score ranges from 8-32 with higher scores indicating greater perceived stigma

PSAS

Please read each statement carefully and circle the number below the item that indicates the degree of your agreement or disagreement with each statement. Please use the scale below, and please do not omit any item.

1. Most people would willingly accept someone who has been treated for substance use as a close friend.

1	2	3	4
Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree

2. Most people believe that someone who has been treated for substance use is just as trustworthy as the average citizen.

1	2	3	4
Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree

3. Most people would accept someone who has been treated for substance use as a teacher of young children in a public school.

1	2	3	4
Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree

4. Most people would hire someone who has been treated for substance use to take care of their children.

1	2	3	4
Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree

5. Most people think less of a person who has been in treatment for substance use.

1	2	3	4
Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree

6. Most employers will hire someone who has been treated for substance use if he or she is qualified for the job.

1	2	3	4
Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree

7. Most employers will pass over the application of someone who has been treated for substance use in favor of another applicant.

1	2	3	4
Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree

8. Most people would be willing to date someone who has been treated for substance use.

1	2	3	4
Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree