

# DEP-ADO

## Brief description

The **DEP-ADO** was designed to identify the problematic use of alcohol and other drugs. It is made up of eight questions addressing frequency of use in the past 12 months, substance use in the past month, the age of initiation, injection drug use, number of five or more drinks in a single occasion in the past 30 days and last 12 months, the negative effects associated with substance abuse (six domains covered); and the frequency of cigarette use. It was developed in Quebec and was tested with a French-speaking population, although an English-language version is also available. The DEP-ADO was designed for frontline workers.

## Appropriate target populations

Adolescents aged 14 to 19 in community- as well as clinic-based populations.

## Administration options

### Formats available

- self-administered (paper-and-pencil)
- self-administered (computer)
- clinician-administered

The DEP-ADO is designed in an interview format but can be used as a self-report tool if the interviewer is available to answer any questions.

### Time required

Completion time is estimated at between five to 10 minutes.

### Languages available

- English
- French
- Other

## Accessibility and cost

- no charge for use
- use requires permission of test developer
- use requires special training and/or professional or academic credentials
- fee for use

## Where to access

[http://www.risqtoxico.ca/documents/DEP-ADO\\_ang\\_V3\\_2.pdf](http://www.risqtoxico.ca/documents/DEP-ADO_ang_V3_2.pdf)

## Summary of test development data

### Quality of reporting

High, based on STARD rating (see Appendix, p. 76).

### Summary of validity and reliability data

Moderate, largely because there is no reliability data and only one study of validity.