



Life Renewed Quality of Life Profile Guide

Your QOLA will take you on a journey of simple, scientific self-discovery. Our comprehensive assessment covers a wide variety of dimensions from everyday life to the most traumatic experiences.

The Quality Of Life Assessment (QOLA) provides an accurate Profile that includes these dimensions:

<u>Physical</u> <i>Measure of how physical ability impacts your QOL (Quality of Life)</i>	<u>Emotional/ Mental</u> <i>Measure of how your thoughts and feelings impact your QOL</i>	<u>Life Experiences</u> <i>Measure of how stress impacts your QOL</i>	<u>Belief System</u> <i>Measure of how your beliefs impact your QOL</i>	<u>Support Systems</u> <i>Measure of how your support networks impact your QOL</i>	<u>Health Behaviors</u> <i>Measure of how daily health habits impact your QOL</i>
20 Health Dimensions and 15 Health Behaviors are included on your Profile Report					
1. Physical Functioning	6. Social Functioning	11. Life Experiences Index	14. Spiritual Beliefs	16. Support System	Exercise, Body Weight Satisfaction
2. Physical Limitations	7. Emotional Health	12. Stress Index	15. Life Purpose Index	17. Emotional Support	Rest, Activity at Work, Sleep
3. Bodily Pain	8. Mental Health	13. Situation Resolution		18. Task Support	Love / Trust Relationships, Sexual Contentment
4. Health Perceptions				19. Social Support	Diet; Fruit & Veg. Consumption
5. Energy Level				20. Guidance Support	Cigarette, Alcohol or Drug Consumption
9. Composite Physical Health	10. Composite Mental/Emotional Health				Seat Belt Use

If you are concerned about your health, please seek help and support of a trained medical professional immediately. The QOLA and the results of its computer-generated analyses are not a substitute for professional medical advice, diagnosis or treatment. Please consult with a doctor or other health care professional for information about diagnosis or treatment.

"Quality of life has a number of dimensions including mental and physical health, social interactions, spirituality, and stress. Many instruments have been developed to assess these dimensions, but we know of no other assessment, aside from the Life Renewed™ Quality of Life Assessment™ instrument that combines all these dynamics in one profile."

Dr. Harry Wetzler, M.D., M.S.P.H., Air Force Colonel Retired

Interpreting Your Personal Profile

- Your QOLA Profile Guide will explain how to evaluate your results, and give you helpful suggestions to enhance your quality of life.
- Your Quality of Life Assessment Profile is completely individualized. The Quality of Life Assessment measures real time functioning in multiple dimensions, so you will not fall into a particular category. Your assessment results are personalized and tell specifically how you are functioning.
- In most instances higher scores indicate better functioning and lower scores indicate an area where you might be facing a challenge. The USA general population norm is 50 percent. Therefore, except for the Zung index, any score above 50 indicates a person functions better than the USA norm and scores below 50 indicates the person functions lower than the USA norm. **Any score between 45 and 55 is in the average range.** *(The average range is indicated on the Assessment Profile by the blue bar in the middle.)*
- On the **Life Experiences Dimension**, the score indicates the total number of both positive and negative stress-producing life experiences. **On this dimension, a higher score indicates a greater number of stressful life experiences, but not whether the experiences are positive or negative.** Positive stressors may include experiences such as changing jobs, getting married, moving into a new house, or having a new baby. While these are generally considered happy experiences, they often cause stressed life perceptions.
- On the last page of the Assessment, you will find an evaluation of your current Health Behaviors. *This section is not scored the same as other sections of the assessment.* On the Health Behaviors you can score in the positive or negative range. This determines what challenges you might be facing. Any score on the negative side is an area where you may want to consider steps you may take to achieve a higher quality of healthy living in that area. Example: If you are a heavy smoker, you will score in the negative range for smoking. Steps should be taken to correct this health behavior in order for you to attain optimal health.



The Zung Depression Index

- The one exception is the Zung Depression Index. If you do not exhibit a propensity for depression, there will be no score on the Zung Depression Index. This is a standard depression tool which provides an index useful for determining the impact of life's stresses. The index is used along with other data to determine the potential for depression. ***As opposed to other dimensions, on this part of the assessment a higher score indicates a greater propensity for depression, therefore, a lower score, or no score shown on this dimension is preferable. If you show no propensity for depression, a Zung Score will not appear on your Profile Report.*** A referral to a health professional is indicated if the score is in the range of 45 or higher.

The Zung is only an index and does not provide a diagnosis of depression. This can only be determined by a qualified health professional.

The Quality of Life Profile Dimensions

There are nineteen quality of life dimensions and fifteen health behaviors assessed by the Quality of Life Assessment. Each dimension provides a personal, real-time evaluation of how you are functioning in that area. **Your Profile Report is completely individualized, so you will not fall into a particular category, or receive a label for aptitudes, skills, or personality traits that describe all individuals in a certain category.** This is specifically about you. No two people receive the same report. The following guide explains how to view your personal analysis found on your Profile Report. You may wish to use this guide as you examine each of your scores to gain a clearer picture of your quality of life and challenges that you might face. It is recommended that you use this guide for interpretation as you review your Assessment Profile.

Later, you will be able to use your Assessment Profile as a blueprint to improve your quality of life. If you find you are facing a challenge in a certain area, ask yourself, *“What actions do I need to take in order to make this dimension of my life as good as it could be?”* Being pro-active and taking control of your life requires honesty and courage. *You can achieve a better quality of life.*

*I believe that I can
be successful.*



1. **PHYSICAL FUNCTION:** This dimension tells how you perform in a range of physical activities that include self-care, walking, climbing stairs, or other more vigorous activities. An average score is between 45 and 55. If you are above 55, then you are capable of vigorous activities. If you fall below 45, you need to assess why you are having difficulty with physical tasks such as walking, climbing, or self-care. The steps you need to take to improve may require a change in habits, or a visit to a health care professional.
2. **PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS:** This dimension illustrates the impact your physical functioning is having on your performance at work, or on daily activities. The average range is between 45 and 55. If you score above 55, then you are well able to handle the physical demands associated with your work, or daily life. If you score below 45, you may be having difficulty meeting physical demands at work, or in your day-to-day activities. The steps you need to take to improve may require a change in habits, or a visit to a health care professional.
3. **BODILY PAIN:** This dimension demonstrates the effect/interference of bodily pain on work or activities inside or outside of the home. An average score is between 45 and 55. If you are above 55 you are probably experiencing little or no regular bodily pain, and there is no interference with work or activities. If your score is below 45, then your work or other activities may be affected by bodily pain. The steps you need to take to improve may require a change in habits, or a visit to a health care professional.
4. **GENERAL HEALTH PERCEPTIONS:** This dimension deals with how you view your general health, your outlook, and your resistance to illnesses. An average score is between 45 and 55. If you score above 55, you probably have a positive outlook about your health. This may make you more resistant to illnesses. A score under 45 indicates that you may have concerns about your general health, and your resistance to illnesses.

*I'm learning a lot
about myself and
how I can become
self-sufficient.*



5. ENERGY LEVEL: This dimension gives you information about how much energy you have to carry out your daily routine. An average score is between 45 and 55. If you score above 55, then it can generally be stated that you are not experiencing any difficulties in this area. If your score is below 45, then you may be experiencing challenges with frequent fatigue. The steps you need to take to improve may require a change in habits, or a visit to a health care professional.

6. SOCIAL FUNCTIONING: The extent and frequency that health concerns interfere with social activities with friends, or relationships, is specified in this dimension. An average score is between 45 and 55. If you score above 55, your health probably is not affecting your social activities or relationships. A score under 45 may indicate that your social activities and relationships may be affected by health concerns. The steps you need to take to improve may require a change in habits, or a visit to a health care professional.

7. EMOTIONAL LIMITATIONS: This dimension indicates the impact of emotional concerns on your performance at work or during other regular activities. An average score is between 45 and 55. If you score above 55, your emotions are probably not affecting your social activities or relationships in a negative way. A score under 45 may indicate that your social activities and relationships may be affected by your emotions. The steps you need to take to improve may require a change in habits, or a visit to a health care professional.

8. MENTAL HEALTH: This is a composite measure of anxiety, possible depression, and loss of behavioral/emotional control as opposed to psychological well-being. An average score is between 45 and 55. If you score above 55, your behavior is probably not being affected by symptoms of anxiety, depression, or loss of control. A score under 45 may indicate that your behavior/ relationships may be affected by symptoms of anxiety, depression, or loss of control. The steps you need to take to improve may require a change in habits, or a visit to a health care professional.

*Learning to know
and love myself
was the first step
to caring for others.*



9. PHYSICAL HEALTH: This is a composite rating of the effect of physical status, feelings of well-being and bodily pain and their impact on social activities. An average score is between 45 and 55. Scores over 55 indicate generally excellent health, while scores below 45 may indicate you are facing some physical challenges. The steps you need to take to improve may require a change in habits, or a visit to a health care professional. Checking the health behavior section of your profile will help you determine which habits you may need change. You may need to begin with a physical from a health care professional to help determine your directions for improvement.

10. EMOTIONAL/MENTAL HEALTH: The emotional/mental health dimension is a composite of the impact of stress on social, emotional, and mental health. An average score is between 45 and 55. Scores over 55 indicate generally excellent emotional/mental health, while scores below 45 may indicate you are facing some challenges. The steps you need to take to improve may require a change in habits, or a visit to a health care professional.

11. LIFE EXPERIENCES: The Life Experiences Dimension indicates the number of stressful life experiences you have had in the past year, but not whether they were positive, or negative. *On this dimension, a higher score indicates a greater number of stress-producing experiences, while a lower score indicates a lower number of stress-producing experiences. **Therefore, on this dimension a lower score is preferable.*** Examples of positive situations that produce stress might include getting married, moving into a new house, having a baby, or starting a new job. Think about both positive and negative experiences you have had over the past year and the frequency of each.

My family and co-workers have noticed the change in my attitude. I believe that I can be successful.



12. STRESS INDEX: The Stress Index measures the impact of stress on your social, emotional, mental, and physical health. As discussed in the Life Experiences Dimension above, stress can come from both positive and negative sources; however, whether the source is positive or negative, stress can be detrimental to your mental, emotional, and physical health, and can affect the way you respond to various social situations. *On this dimension, a higher score indicates a greater number of stressful experiences, while a lower score indicates fewer stressful experiences. Therefore, on this dimension a lower score is preferable.*

13. SITUATION RESOLUTION: The Situation Resolution dimension measure the ability to consider and resolve stressful situations and indicates how well one manages emotions such as anger, disappointment or fear. This module measures both positive resolution skills and negative resolution outcomes.

14. SPIRITUAL BELIEFS: The Spiritual Beliefs Dimension is an index of your spiritual belief system. It does not encourage or favor any belief system, but offers an index of how important spiritual beliefs are in your life. On this dimension, a higher score indicates you are more spiritually-oriented, while a lower score indicates you place less value on spirituality.

15. LIFE PURPOSE INDEX: The Life Purpose Index reflects your individual understanding of the meaning or purpose of life. Again, it does not encourage or favor any belief system, but establishes your own personal feelings and beliefs about how meaningful and fulfilling you find your life. A higher score indicates a feeling of greater meaning and fulfillment, while a lower score indicates fewer feelings of purpose in your life. If your score is below 45, spend some time reflecting, honestly evaluating your present situation, and planning for your future.

16. SUPPORT SYSTEM: Who do you call when you need help with something? Everyone needs a support system for difficult situations or emergencies. This dimension provides you with information about the effectiveness of your support system. If your score is in the average range (45-55) or above, then you have probably planned for emergencies and have trusted relationships that can step in during a crisis. If your score is below 45, then you need to make a personal emergency plan. Write down whom to call. Talk with family and friends and make arrangements ahead of time.

I am so much more focused on the really important things in life.



16. EMOTIONAL SUPPORT Who do you call when you just need someone to talk to? Everyone needs a trusted confidant. It may be someone close-by that you know well, or someone you communicate with at a distance. It's always better to "talk about it" *before* things build up. If you score 45 or above on the Emotional Support Dimension then you are probably already communicating effectively. If you score below 45, it is important that you begin sharing your feelings with a trusted friend, confidant, or counselor. Everyone needs to vent sometimes – it's healthier than holding things in.

17. TASK SUPPORT Have you ever said, "I can't do everything by myself!" If you have, you were right. Super Heroes don't really exist. Who do you count on for help with tasks or chores ... when you're sick ... or have to go out of town ... when you have a home maintenance project? It is good to help others when they need it, and it is good for others to pitch in and help you. If you scored 45 or above, you are handling your task support well. If you score below 45, try making yourself available to others who need a hand. Then when you need support, you will have less trouble finding someone to pitch in.

18. SOCIAL COMPATIBILITY We all enjoy spending time with family, friends or associates who have similar interests and values. It helps us to clarify our values, and broaden the scope of our interests. It's pleasant, refreshing, and relaxing. People need people. If you scored 45 or above, then you probably have hobbies, and interests that you share with others. If you scored below 45, then you need to decide what interests you, and take steps to spend time with others who have like interests and hobbies.

19. GUIDANCE SUPPORT Sometimes it's good to get a second opinion. Asking someone who is more knowledgeable or experienced can help you make good decisions. If you don't already have someone who can guide you on personal issues (finances, relationships, parenting, career decisions), it is important to find a good advisor. If you scored 45 or above, you probably have people in your life with whom you can discuss personal issues. If your score is below 45, look around and notice who seems to be in the place where you would like to see yourself. Ask them what they did to get where they are; get their advice. If necessary, get the advice of a professional counselor.



20. HEALTH BEHAVIORS

The next section of your profile will help you understand the significance various health behaviors are having on your feelings of well-being and quality of life. In this section you can score in the positive or negative range. Scores in the positive range indicate factors that are contributing to your good health. The higher the score, the better you are doing in that area. Scores in the negative range specify areas that may be causing health issues. These are things that you may want to consider taking control of and changing.

We trust your QOLA Profile has been helpful for you to have a better understanding of your quality of life. Please continue to take the suggested steps to improve your Quality of Life.

