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The *GRE*[®] General Test

For graduate school. For business school. For law school. For your future.

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What we will cover today

- Overview of the GRE[®] General Test
- Taking the GRE[®] General Test at home
- Registration tips
- What to expect on test day
- Getting and sending your scores
- Tools to help you prepare
- Tools to help you stand out
- Sample test questions



Considering graduate, business or law school?

- The *GRE*[®] General Test is used **around the world** for:
 - Master's programs
 - Specialized master's in business programs
 - MBA programs
 - JD programs
 - Doctoral programs
 - Awarding fellowships
- Scores are good for 5 years!



More than 1,300 business schools accept *GRE*[®] scores for their MBA programs

- Scores are trusted and accepted at top business schools worldwide.
- Most schools are following Harvard Business School's lead in weighting GRE[®] scores equally with other business school admission tests. As noted on its website, "There is no minimum GMAT[®] or GRE [score] to apply and we do not have a bias toward one test or the other."



The computer-delivered *GRE*[®] General Test

Most people around the world take the *GRE*[®] General Test in a computer-delivered format.



The computer-delivered GRE[®] General Test (continued)

The test also includes:

- Either an <u>unscored</u> section or a <u>research</u> section that does not count toward your scores
 - If you get an unscored section, you will not know which one it is, so try your best on all the sections
 - If you get a research section, it will always be last and will be clearly marked

Approximate total testing time = 3 hours and 45 minutes (plus timed breaks)

A closer look at the Analytical Writing section



- Assesses critical thinking and analytical writing skills
- There are two writing tasks:
 - Analyze an Issue Requires you to analyze an issue and develop an argument with reasons and/or examples to support your position
 - Analyze an Argument Requires you to assess the logical soundness of a given argument according to the specific task directions
- Essay responses are typed on computer
 - Basic functions include: insert text, delete text, cut and paste, and undo the previous action

A closer look at the Verbal Reasoning sections



- Assesses your ability to understand what you read and how you apply your reasoning skills
- Question types include:
 - Reading Comprehension
 - $\,\circ\,$ Multiple Choice select one answer choice
 - Multiple Choice select one or more answer choices
 - \circ Select-in-Passage
 - Text Completion
 - Sentence Equivalence

A closer look at the Quantitative Reasoning sections

- Assesses your ability to interpret and analyze quantitative information and solve problems using mathematical models
- Question types include:
 - Quantitative Comparison
 - Multiple Choice, select one answer choice
 - Multiple Choice, select one or more answer choices
 - Numeric Entry
- Focuses on basic mathematical skills and elementary mathematical concepts
 - Arithmetic
 - Algebra
 - Geometry
 - Data analysis



On-screen

calculator available



Taking the GRE® General Test At Home

Available now while test centers are closed due to COVID-19

Taking the *GRE*[®] General Test at home What is the same?

- The at home test is identical in content, length, format and on-screen experience to one taken at a test center.
- The test uses the same scoring criteria, scoring process and score scale, so scores can be accepted and used in the same way.
- The at home test is offered at the same price to test takers as testing in a center.
- You can prepare the same way you normally would, because the test you take at home is the same test you would take at a test center.

Taking the GRE[®] General Test at home What Is Different?

The test delivery method

- Testing will take place through test takers' personal computers at home.
- Test sessions will be monitored through the use of live human proctors and artificial intelligence technology.
- The entire test session will be videotaped.
- Visit: https://www.ets.org/gre/at-home

If you're ready for the test, you're ready for the at home version!



Getting started

Important tip: Register early!

- If you register early, you are more likely to:
 - Get your preferred testing location, date and time
 - Create a preparation plan focused on your test date timing
- To register, you will need to create an ETS Account at <u>www.ets.org/mygre</u>
 - You can watch a short video on how to create your ETS Account and how to register for a GRE[®] test at <u>www.ets.org/gre/register</u>
 - You will also use your ETS Account to register and view your official scores online when they are available
 - You can also sign up for the GRE® Search Service to help schools find you
- You should also:
 - Review the *GRE*[®] Information Bulletin for ID requirements, policies, etc.
 - Consider where you might want to send your scores and check their admissions deadlines

IMPORTANT TIPS!



When you create your ETS Account and register, have your ID handy.

- Each country has specific official ID requirements for testing
 - View ID requirements in the GRE[®] Information Bulletin or on the GRE website
- The name you use when registering <u>MUST</u> exactly match your ID documents (excluding accents)
 - Ensure the spellings exactly match
 - Be sure to provide your entire first (given) name
 - \circ $\,$ Do not register using a nickname or with only a first initial
 - You must supply your entire last (family/surname) name
 - If you have a two-part last name, you need to be sure to supply your complete last name as it appears on your ID documents (excluding accents)

Create your ETS Account

www.ets.org/mygre

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* Country/Location: * Address Line 1	
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On test day

- Get to the test center early
- Be sure to bring your official ID documents that exactly match your registration or you may not be able to test
- Follow the policies and procedures explained at ets.org/gre or in the <u>Bulletin</u> about what is allowed in the test center, test etiquette and more

Let's learn more about the features that are only available on the *GRE*[®] General Test.

Have a strategy about how you will approach the test

- It's test-taker friendly so.you.can.approach the.test.the.way you.want.
- Other graduate-level admissions tests require you to answer each question in order and do not allow you to see what is ahead or permit you to go back
- Good News! Only the *GRE*[®] General Test features a test-taker friendly design
 - You can approach the test using more of your own personal testtaking strategies
 - Within <u>each timed section</u> of the test you can:
 - Change your answers
 - Mark questions
 - Skip questions and return to them
 - Navigate freely

Research from the GRE Program shows most GRE test takers boosted scores when changing answers.



Use your breaks wisely

Breaks:

- There is a 10-minute break after the third section
- There is a one-minute break between the other sections

Good to Know:

 If you take an unscheduled break the clock will not stop, so the best strategy is to proceed with your test without interruption once it begins

You might want to replenish your supply of scratch paper during a scheduled break.



General tips and strategies



- Become familiar with question formats and directions beforehand.
- Be aware of time.
- Make sure you understand what each question is asking by reading each question thoroughly and reading all answer choices before answering. There is no credit for partially correct answers.
- Do not waste time on questions you find extremely difficult, since no question carries greater weight than any other.



Three scores are reported on the following scales:



0-6 130-170 130-170 in 1-point increments in 1-point increments

Getting your unofficial scores

Unofficial scores at test center

- Toward the end of your test session at the test center, you will have the option to:
 - Cancel your scores permanently (Not recommended)
 - Report (view) your unofficial scores
- If you choose to report your scores
 - You will see your scores for both the Verbal Reasoning and the Quantitative Reasoning measures
 - You can decide to use your 4 free score reports at the test center OR not to send any scores at that time
 - You always have the option to decide later, too

Getting your unofficial scores (continued)

If you choose to report your scores, you will see your unofficial scores at the test center.

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Putting your best scores forward with the *ScoreSelect*[®] option

You decide what scores to send

You decide which *GRE*[®] scores you want schools to see:

On test day

You view your scores at the test center

Use your 4 FREE score reports

- Most Recent option Send scores from your most recent test
- All option Send scores from all tests in the last 5 years

After test day

You view your scores via your ETS Account

Use Additional Score Reports

- Most Recent option Send scores from your most recent test
- All option Send scores from all tests in the last 5 years
- Any option Send scores from one OR many tests in the last 5 years

Note: Some schools want to see applicants' scores from all GRE tests they have taken. We advise you to check with the schools to which you are applying for their requirements.

Getting your official scores

Official scores through your ETS Account

- About 10–15 days after test day, you can view your official scores online.
 - Your score report includes all scores in your reportable history (past 5 years).
 - You can print a personal copy of your score report.
- Select "Order Additional Score Reports" to send official copies to institutions after test day.
 - With the ScoreSelect[®] option, you decide which scores from your reportable history are sent to schools.
 - You can watch a short video on how to send Additional Score Reports at <u>www.ets.org/gre/asr.</u>

If you want to take the test again, you can!

If you need to try again... you can retake the test every 21 days.

- With the ScoreSelect[®] option, you never need to send scores from a particular administration if you feel they are not your best
- You always have the option to take the test again
- You can take the GRE[®] General Test once every 21 days, up to five times within any continuous rolling 12-month period

Get additional feedback on your performance with the FREE *GRE*[®] Diagnostic Service

- The free *GRE*[®] Diagnostic Service provides insight into your performance on the test questions in the Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning sections of the *GRE*[®] General Test.
- The service includes a description of the types of questions you answered right and wrong, the difficulty level of each question and the time you spent on each question.
- You can access this service in your ETS Account approximately 15 days after you take the computer-delivered test and for six months following your test administration.



POWERPREP® Test Preview Tool

- Contains information to help familiarize test takers with the question types, test features and help tools that are available during the actual GRE[®] General Test.
- This free tool can be found in the "My Test Preparation and Services" section of a test taker's ETS Account.



For more information, visit <u>www.ets.org/gre/prepare</u>.

Simulating the actual test experience with *POWERPREP®* Online

- Free *POWERPREP*[®] Online practice tests can be accessed in your ETS Account
- The practice tests are as close to the actual computer-delivered test as you can get. They are designed to help you:
 - Understand what's being tested
 - Gain familiarity with the various question types and the functionality of the test
 - Become familiar with the testing tools, including the on-screen calculator
 - Practice taking the General Test under timed or untimed conditions
 - Understand scoring
 - Review scored Analytical Writing responses and reader commentary



For more information, visit <u>www.ets.org/gre/prepare</u>.

Hear what other test takers are saying

- Join the conversation on the official GRE[®] General Test page on Facebook[®], Instagram, or watch GRE videos on YouTube[®].
- Connect, engage and hear from others who are planning to take the GRE General Test just like you



Hear what other test takers are saying (continued)

- Join the conversation on LinkedIn[®]
 - Official GRE[®] General Test page
 - Taking the GRE General Test for business school
- Connect, engage and hear from others who are planning to take the GRE General Test for graduate or business school





Helping schools find you

GRE® Search Service

- List a free profile about yourself to help institutions find you more easily.
- If you match the recruitment profile of a participating institution, you may be sent information about graduate and business school programs, admission requirements, financial aid opportunities and fellowships.
- You will be asked if you would like to register for the GRE Search Service when you register for a GRE test, or you can register for this FREE service in your ETS Account.

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Verbal Reasoning: Text Completion Question

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Verbal Reasoning: Text Completion Question (continued)

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Verbal Reasoning: Sentence Equivalence Question

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Verbal Reasoning: Sentence Equivalence Question (continued)

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Quantitative Reasoning: Multiple Choice, Select One or More Answer Choices

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Quantitative Reasoning: Multiple Choice, Select One or More Answer Choices (continued)

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Quantitative Reasoning: Numeric Entry Question

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Quantitative Reasoning: Numeric Entry Question (continued)

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Thank you for attending!

Do you have any questions?

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