

The GRE Revised General Test

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Dear Jo,

Institutions around the world are getting ready for the GRE[®] revised General Test. To help you in your planning, this month's Top Story features answers to the questions that are being asked most frequently by the graduate and business school community.

If you have additional questions, there are many ways you can find the answers you need: Participate in the live Q&A portion of one of our Getting Ready webinars, speak directly to the GRE Client Relations Team at an upcoming event, visit our website or contact us at GREhelpline@ets.org.

Sincerely,

The GRE revised General Test Team

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The GRE revised General Test: Common Questions Answered

In an effort to help the graduate and business school community get ready for the GRE revised General Test, we've compiled a list of answers to the most commonly asked questions. We hope you find this document useful and encourage you to download, review and share it with faculty, admissions staff and student advisors.

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OTHER RESOURCES

We offer additional resources for information on the GRE revised General Test, launching on August 1, 2011.

See our **Information Center** for tools, tips and guidelines that will help prepare you and your students.

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Sign up for a Getting Ready webinar

We'll be offering our popular "Getting Ready for the GRE revised General Test" webinar again in May and June. Each webinar features a live Q&A session in which ETS representatives from the GRE Program address your specific questions.

You can access the schedule of upcoming webinars and reserve your place [here](#). Encourage your faculty, admissions staff and student advisors to sign up too.

If you're unable to participate, you can access the pre-recorded portion of the webcast at any time from our [Information Center](#).

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Speak directly with a GRE® representative at these upcoming events:

- AACSB International's Asia Pacific Regional Conference, May 23-25, in Singapore
- Association of MBAs International Annual Conference for Deans and Directors (AMBA), May 25-27, in Geneva, Switzerland
- NAFSA 2011 Annual Conference and Expo, May 29-June 3, in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
- National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) 2011 Annual Conference & Expo, May 31-June 3, in Dallas, Texas

[Visit us online](#) for the latest list of upcoming conferences.

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Plus, we have a **Helpline** where you can send in your questions about the GRE revised General Test.

Contact:

GREhelpline@ets.org



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Tell your candidates to sign up for test-taker news and information at ets.org/gre/testtakernews.

We'll send them the latest updates about the current GRE® General Test and keep them informed about what to expect with the GRE revised General Test.

FAQ

Launch Date: 1 August 2011

Here are the top Frequently Asked Questions (and answers) about the GRE revised General Test.

How long does the test take and how many questions are there?

The computer-based GRE revised General Test will last about 3 hours 45 minutes, and consists of separately-timed sections:

- **Verbal Reasoning.** You'll have two 30-minute sections, each containing approximately 20 questions.
- **Quantitative Reasoning.** You'll have two 35-minute sections, each containing approximately 20 questions.
- **Analytical Writing.** You'll have one 30-minute section that contains an "Analyze an Issue" task and one 30-minute section that contains an "Analyze an Argument" task.
- You may also be required to complete an **unidentified, unscored** and/or **research** section of the test. The **unidentified, unscored** section can appear at any point after the Analytical Writing section. The **research** section is always at the end of the test. The time given to complete these sections varies. You will not receive a score for them.

The paper-based GRE revised General Test will last up to 3 hours and 30 minutes, and consists of separately-timed sections:

- **Verbal Reasoning.** There are 2 sections of Verbal Reasoning, each containing 25 questions. You'll have 35 minutes to complete each section.
- **Quantitative Reasoning.** There are 2 sections of Quantitative Reasoning, each containing 25 questions. You'll have 40 minutes to complete each section.
- **Analytical Writing.** There are two 30-minute sections to Analytical Writing, one that contains an "Analyze an Issue" task and one that contains an "Analyze an Argument" task.

How can I take advantage of the special 50% discount?

If you take the GRE revised General Test between August 1st and September 30th, 2011, you'll save 50% on your test fee. Your GRE[®] scores will be sent by mid-November. [Learn more](#) about the 50% limited-time savings.

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What does a “test-taker friendly design” mean?

The new design of the GRE revised General Test is “test-taker friendly” because it features advanced technology that lets you use your own test-taking style and strategies, including:

- New preview and review capabilities within a section.
- The ability to edit or change your answers within a section.
- A “mark and review” feature to tag questions so you can skip and return later within a timed section.
- An on-screen calculator for help with the Quantitative Reasoning section.*

*For those taking the paper-based GRE revised General Test, calculators will be provided at the test center for use during the test.

Why do I need to take the current test if I need my scores before November?

Scores for the GRE revised General Test will be sent by mid-November for those taking the test in August and September, and will be sent according to the [detailed score reporting schedule](#) for those taking the test in October and November.

If all the schools you’re applying to don’t need your scores until *after* November 2011, you should take the GRE revised General Test because of the new, test-taker friendly design and the opportunity to save 50% on your test fee when you test between August 1st and September 30th, 2011.

This score reporting schedule does not affect those taking the paper-based test. Scores for the paper-based test will continue to be sent approximately 6 weeks following your test date.

What’s the best way to get comfortable with the new design and content of the GRE revised General Test?

There are various ways to get comfortable with the new design and content of the GRE revised General Test, including [free test preparation software](#) which contains a full-length practice test; as close to taking the actual test as you can get. Here are some ideas:

- Start practicing with official tools like *The Official Guide to the GRE® revised General Test* and *ScoreItNow!*™ Online Writing Practice, [available now](#).
- [Learn more](#) about what makes the GRE revised General Test different from the current test.
- [Sign up](#) to get news and information about the GRE revised General Test.

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How should I decide between the GRE General Test and the GRE revised General Test?

If any of your schools need your GRE scores *before* November 2011, you *must* take the current GRE General Test *before* August because there is a [special score reporting schedule](#) with the introduction of the GRE revised General Test.

If all the schools you're applying to don't need your scores until *after* November 2011, you should take the GRE revised General Test because of the new, test-taker friendly design and the opportunity to save 50% on your test fee when you test between August 1st and September 30th, 2011.

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Why is the test changing?

The GRE General Test is changing to feature a new, test-taker friendly design and new questions and content that are more closely aligned to the kind of thinking students will do in today's demanding graduate and business school programs.

What are the most important dates I need to know?

Here are the important dates you need to know if you're planning to take the GRE revised General Test:

- **August 1, 2011:** First day of testing for the GRE revised General Test.
- **August 1, 2011 – September 30, 2011:** Save 50% on your test fee; if you test during this period, your scores will be sent by mid-November.
- **October - November 2011:** If you test in October or November check the [score reporting schedule](#) to know when your scores will be sent.
- **December 2011:** Normal score reporting resumes. Score reports will be sent 10 – 15 days after your test date (or 6 weeks for paper-based testing).

What do I need to know if I'm testing in Mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan or Korea?

In Mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Korea, the GRE General Test is currently offered as split-test administration, which means the Analytical Writing section is taken on a computer on one day, and the Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning sections are taken at a paper-based administration site on a different date.

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With the launch of the GRE revised General Test, you'll be able to take the entire test on computer in 1 session, on the same day, instead of the current split-test administration. The test fee will also be reduced to match other test takers taking the computer-based test. [Learn more](#) about taking the GRE revised General Test in this region.

What do I need to know if I'm testing in a part of the world where the paper-based test is administered?

The paper-based GRE revised General Test will include important enhancements to the test design, plus many of the new types of questions available with the computer-based test. [Learn more](#) about taking the paper-based GRE revised General Test.

What accommodations are available for test takers with disabilities or health-related needs?

ETS is committed to serving test takers with disabilities and health-related needs by providing services and reasonable accommodations that are appropriate given the purpose of the test. Nonstandard testing accommodations are available for test takers who meet ETS requirements. For full information visit ets.org/gre.