

# The GRE<sup>®</sup> revised General Test

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### TOP STORY

## The GRE revised General Test: Exciting Changes Ahead

On August 1, 2011, the GRE<sup>®</sup> revised General Test will replace the current GRE<sup>®</sup> General Test. The revised test is designed to enhance the content and delivery of the GRE General Test in several significant ways. In this month's Top Story, we'll examine the key information we've shared with you to date, and provide a recap of how changes to the test are going to benefit both institutions and test takers.

### Introducing the GRE revised General Test

The GRE General Test is a proven measure of a candidate's readiness for graduate-level work. With the introduction of the GRE revised General Test, you'll see changes that even more closely align the test with the skills needed in today's demanding graduate and business school programs.

### The GRE revised General Test features:

- **Changes to the test content** that more closely measure the skills candidates need to succeed
  - The Verbal Reasoning section features a deeper assessment of reading comprehension skills
  - The Quantitative Reasoning section emphasizes data interpretation and real-life scenarios
  - The Analytical Writing section includes tasks that require more focused responses

You can view our video, "A Closer Look at the New Test Content," which explores the new test content and question types in greater depth. Go to [www.ets.org/gre/infocenter](http://www.ets.org/gre/infocenter) and scroll down to "Videos."

- **Changes to the test design** provide test takers with a friendlier, more flexible test-taking experience — for example, they can edit or change answers and skip or return to questions

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within a section, giving them more freedom to use their own personal test-taking strategies.

- **Changes to the score scale** will provide more simplicity in distinguishing performance differences between candidates
  - The Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning sections will now be reported on a 130 – 170 score scale, in 1-point increments.
  - The Analytical Writing section will continue to be reported on a 0 – 6 score scale, in half-point increments.

To learn more, watch our six-minute Overview video, which explores all the changes to the GRE revised General Test. Go to [www.ets.org/gre/infocenter](http://www.ets.org/gre/infocenter) and scroll down to "Videos."

### More about the new Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning score scale

After carefully considering feedback from the broader graduate community, we are moving from the current 61-point scale, with scores between 200 – 800 reported in 10-point increments, to a 41-point scale, with a candidate's GRE scores reported on a score scale of 130 – 170, in 1-point increments.

A 41-point score scale was selected to balance the changes in content, new question types, the new psychometric model and the test length. When combined together, the design features of the GRE revised General Test and the 41-point score scale will improve your ability to assess candidates' verbal reasoning and quantitative reasoning skills — helping you make more accurate comparisons.

Because you will receive scores from both tests, reported in both the 200 – 800 scale and the revised 130 – 170 scale, we will make it easy for you to compare the two. In November 2011, when we begin reporting scores, the new score report will feature scores, percentiles and concordance information when appropriate, so you will have all the information you need at your fingertips to compare candidates. A score concordance table will also be available on the GRE website and will allow institutions to compare candidates no matter which format their GRE scores are reported in.

To learn more about the new score scale and see a sample of the new score report, read the May 2010 issue of eUPDATE at [www.ets.org/gre/infocenter](http://www.ets.org/gre/infocenter).

### How changes benefit the test taker

These are some pertinent points that the graduate community can communicate to candidates.

- **A new test-taker friendly design** for the computer-based test delivers a more flexible test experience. They can:
  - Edit or change answers within a section
  - Skip and return to questions within a section
  - Use an on-screen calculator for 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.

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- **New types of questions** have been included in the Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning sections, many featuring real-life scenarios that reflect the kind of thinking test takers will do in today's demanding graduate and business school programs.
- **Special savings of 50% when candidates take the GRE revised General Test** between August 1 and September 30, 2011. The 50% discount means big savings for test takers — another advantage to taking the GRE revised General Test. If candidates take the GRE revised General Test during our special discount period, their scores will be sent by mid-November.

### Important score reporting information

- If candidates need their scores *before* November 2011, they *must* take the current test before August 2011.
- Candidates who test between August 1 and September 30, 2011 will have their scores sent by mid-November.
- Those who plan to test between October 1 and November 30, 2011 should check [the detailed score reporting schedule](#) to know what day scores will be sent.
- In December 2011, normal score reporting resumes. (10 – 15 days after a test date<sup>1</sup>)

### FREE test preparation material for the GRE revised General Test is now available

[Free test preparation materials](#) are available for candidates now, giving them plenty of time to prepare for the GRE revised General Test at their own pace and on their own schedule. These free materials include *Powerprep<sup>®</sup> II* software for the computer-based GRE revised General Test and *The Practice Book for the Paper-based GRE<sup>®</sup> revised General Test*, sample questions and more.

You can get a quick view of sample questions from the GRE revised General Test at [www.ets.org/gre/revised\\_general\\_institutions/sample\\_questions](http://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general_institutions/sample_questions).

### International test takers

Candidates testing in locations outside the United States need to be aware of important timing considerations.

### Testing in China (Including Hong Kong), Korea and Taiwan

Test takers in China (including Hong Kong), Korea and Taiwan will be able to take the entire GRE revised General Test on computer, in one session and on the same day — instead of the current split-test administration, where the Analytical Writing section is offered on computer and the Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning sections are offered at a paper-based administration site.

<sup>1</sup> For candidates taking a paper-based test, scores will continue to be reported six weeks after test date.

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If potential candidates in these countries need their test scores before November 2011, they must take the current GRE General Test, in the current split-test format, to receive their scores in time. They should register as early as possible because seats will fill up quickly. More information, including final test dates, can be found at [www.ets.org/gre/revised\\_general/international](http://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/international).

### Paper-based test administrations

Test takers who need to take the GRE revised General Test where computer-based testing is not available can take a paper-based version of the test. Candidates who require their GRE General Test scores before November 2011 must take the current paper-based version of the GRE General Test.

There are only a few remaining paper-based administrations of the current test, so advise test takers to register now. More information, including final test dates, can be found at [www.ets.org/gre/revised\\_general/international](http://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/international).

### One Year to Go

As always, we appreciate your support as we head towards the launch of the GRE revised General Test, and look forward to continuing to work with you to make the launch of the revised test as smooth and seamless as possible.

As the launch date approaches, we'll continue to keep you updated with the latest news and information you and your prospective candidates need to know.

In the meantime, be sure to share the news broadly. Remember, past issues of the eUPDATE are available on the GRE website — simply visit [www.ets.org/gre/infocenter](http://www.ets.org/gre/infocenter) and scroll down to **eUPDATE Newsletters**.