What you need to know about the GRE General Test

One test. A clear, proven path to graduate, business and law school.

What is it for?

Accepted by thousands of graduate, business, law and other professional programs, the GRE gives you a clear, credible way to demonstrate your readiness, strengthen your application, and position yourself for admissions, scholarship and fellowship opportunities.

Who accepts it?

Over 20,000 graduate and professional schools. Learn about sending your GRE General Test scores.

What does it cost?

$249 in most parts of the world. The fee includes score reports to four schools on test day. Extras — like additional score reports or rescheduling — carry their own fees. GRE General Test fees.



What is the test structure?

Analytical Writing always comes first. Verbal and Quantitative Reasoning may appear in any order after that.

Section	Tasks	Time
Analytical Writing	1 essay task	30 min
Quantitative Reasoning 1	12 questions	21 min
Quantitative Reasoning 2	15 questions	26 min
Verbal Reasoning 1	12 questions	18 min
Verbal Reasoning 2	15 questions	23 min
Total		**1 hr 58 min**

Where and when can I take it?

Year-round at hundreds of test centers in 160 countries — or at home, with appointments available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Test center or at home?

Your choice. If you're unsure about your internet connection, securing a private room, or meeting the other at-home eligibility criteria, a test center might be the better option.

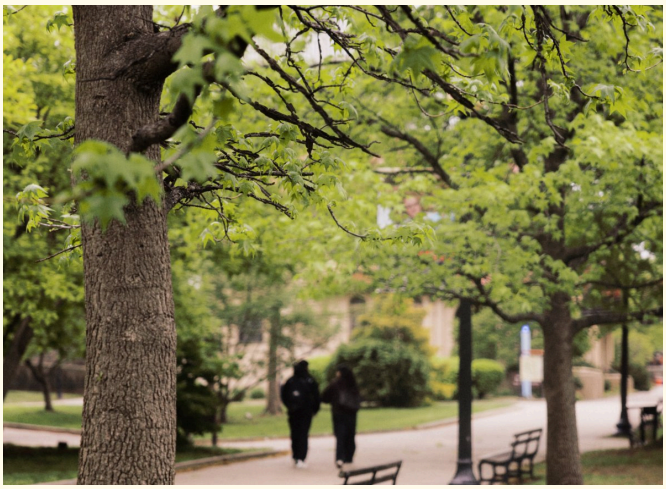
How can I prepare?

Start with official prep, made by the people who make the test. Free POWERPREP practice tests give you authentic questions; POWERPREP PLUS adds scored, full-length tests that show you what test day really feels like. Explore all test prep options.

How to register

1. **Check the ID requirements.** Register with the exact name on the ID you'll bring on test day — a mismatch can keep you from testing. See ID requirements.
2. **Create an ETS account** — or log in — and select the GRE General Test.
3. **Choose where and when.** Test at home or pick a test center, then browse the calendar for a date and time that work.
4. **Register and pay.** ETS will email your confirmation.

Not ready to pick a date? Create your free ETS account now — you can explore test centers, try free prep and register whenever you're ready. See what you can do in your account.



Connect with programs beyond sending scores ↗

Opt in to the Graduate Search Service when you create your ETS account or register. Graduate and business school recruiters around the world search it for prospective applicants — and can reach out to you about their programs, scholarships and fellowships.

Scores optional? Submit anyway. ↗

87% of applicants to test-optional programs who submit GRE scores are accepted. Five reasons to send yours:

Give yourself a competitive edge. Submitting scores shows you're serious about grad school — more serious than those who didn't.

Leave no questions on the table. Committees want to minimize risk. The more information on your application, the better.

Prove to yourself that you're ready. Grad school is a big investment. As a measure of readiness, your score confirms you have what it takes.

Prepare for your program. You'll take tests in grad school anyway. Free and low-cost prep tools help you warm up now.

Set yourself up for opportunities. Scores are good for five years — for scholarships, fellowships, assistantships now, and another degree later, no retest needed.

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