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The Revised
GRE[®] General Test

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A significantly improved GRE® General Test is coming in the fall of 2007!

After four years of research, and with guidance from the graduate education community, ETS is completing the most significant overhaul of the GRE General Test in its nearly 60-year history. The changes to the test are being made to:

- Increase the validity of the test
- Provide faculty with better information on applicants' performance
- Address security concerns
- Make better use of advances in technology and psychometric design

Test Content

The revised General Test will measure the same general skills that are measured on the current General Test: verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning and analytical writing. However, each of the sections will be revised to better focus on skills that are necessary for success in graduate school. Specific changes to each of the three sections are listed below. Sample test questions for all three sections can be viewed on the GRE Web site at www.ets.org/gre.

The New Verbal Reasoning Measure	The New Quantitative Reasoning Measure	The New Analytical Writing Measure
(two 40-minute sections)	(two 40-minute sections)	(two 30-minute sections)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater emphasis on higher cognitive skills; less dependence on vocabulary • More text-based materials, such as reading passages • A broader selection of reading passages • Emphasis on skills related to graduate work, such as complex reasoning • Expansion of computer-enabled tasks (e.g., highlighting a sentence in a passage that serves the function described in the question) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quantitative reasoning skills that are similar to skills typically used in graduate school • Proportion of questions involving real-life scenarios and data interpretation increased • Proportion of Geometry questions decreased • Expansion of computer-enabled tasks (e.g., entering a numeric answer instead of choosing from a list) • On-screen, four-function calculator with square root 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New, more focused prompts will reduce the possibility of reliance on memorized materials • Essay responses will be made available to designated score recipients

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Test Fairness

The GRE® Board has long been concerned that examinee groups not be disadvantaged by any major changes in the General Test. In response to that concern, extensive analyses of subgroups were performed in pilot testing and field trials, and subgroup performance will be monitored closely once the test is operational. Based on the pilot tests, there is no indication that subgroup performance will be substantially different on the revised General Test than on the current General Test. Examinees whose native language is not English and whose reading comprehension skills are weak may find the Verbal measure more challenging.

Test Preparation

Sample test questions for the revised General Test are on the GRE Web site at www.ets.org/gre. A free, full-length revised General Test will be available on the GRE Web site in the spring of 2007. ETS is also investigating the development of low-cost test preparation materials, such as online tests, question sets and paper study guides. These materials are expected to be available beginning in the summer of 2007.

Test Administration

The revised General Test is changing from an adaptive test, with varying questions presented to each examinee according to his or her performance, to a linear test, with all examinees testing at the same time receiving the same questions.

The revised General Test will be administered on computer on approximately 30 test dates worldwide. The number of administrations in any given region will be based on the test volume in that region. In addition, to address possible security concerns, starting times for the test will be staggered across time zones. A test administration schedule for the 2007–08 testing year will be available in the spring of 2007.



The network of test centers for the revised General Test will include many of the current test centers. In addition, hundreds of new test centers will be opened at colleges, universities and commercial sites around the world. By the fall of 2007, there will be over 2,500 testing centers worldwide.

Scores and Score Use

Three scores will be reported on the revised General Test: a Verbal score, a Quantitative score and an Analytical Writing score. The score scales for the Verbal and Quantitative sections will change. The GRE Program anticipates that the range for the new score scale will be 110 to 150, in one-point increments. Final specification of the precise score scale will be determined based on data from the initial revised General Test administrations, before scores are reported. The final scale may have a top value that is different than 150, but the determination of this will depend on data from the fall 2007 test administrations. The Analytical Writing section will continue to be scored using a six-point holistic scale.

A concordance table will be available to assist users in understanding the relationship between old and new scores. However, because the revised General Test measures slightly different skills, these comparisons must be made with caution.

Percentiles for each of the three sections of the revised General Test will be available no later than early January 2008. When they are available, they will be reported on the GRE Web site at www.ets.org/gre and on score reports.

GRE Essay Distribution

Beginning in the fall of 2007, Analytical Writing essay responses will be made available to designated score recipients for tests taken. Once scores are reported, designated score recipients can log onto a Web site with a password and select the Analytical Writing essay responses to be viewed. To maintain confidentiality, score users can only view essay responses for those test takers who have designated their institution as a score recipient, and must have information only available on the individual test-takers' score reports to do so.



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For More Information

To get the most up-to-date information about the revised GRE General Test, please visit the GRE Web site at www.ets.org/gre, or contact us via e-mail at gretests@ets.org or by phone at 609-683-2002.

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