

## What is the GMAT?

The GMAT is the official test of the Graduate Management Admission Council, which administers the exam for business-school applicants. **The Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT)** is a computer adaptive test intended to assess certain analytical, writing, quantitative, verbal, and reading skills in written English for use in admission to a graduate management program, such as an MBA.

**The 4 sections of the GMAT?** Analytical Writing Assessment, Integrated Reasoning, Quantitative, and Verbal.

## **Analytical Writing Assessment (AWA) Section --**

The Analytical Writing Assessment (AWA) measures your ability to think critically and to communicate your ideas. During the AWA, you are asked to analyze the reasoning behind a given argument and write a critique of that argument.

## **Integrated Reasoning Section --**

The Integrated Reasoning section measures your ability to evaluate information presented in multiple formats from multiple sources.

## **Quantitative Section --**

The Quantitative section measures your ability to analyze data and draw conclusions using reasoning skills. The mathematics needed to solve the questions in this section of the GMAT exam is not very advanced; reviewing algebra and geometry is a good way to prepare. Problem solving questions measure your ability to solve numerical problems, interpret graphical data, and evaluate information.

## **Verbal Section --**

The GMAT Verbal section measures your ability to read and understand written material, to evaluate arguments, and to correct written material to conform to standard written English.

## **Who Accepts the GMAT →**

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam/about-the-gmat-exam/schools-value-the-gmat/gmat-accepting-programs.aspx>

## **How to Prepare →**

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam/register.aspx>

## **Register to take the GMAT →**

<http://www.gmac.com/reach-and-recruit-students/prepare-candidates-for-the-exam-classroom.aspx>

## **What difference does CAT make?**

**CAT = Computer Adaptive Testing. GMAT uses Computer Adaptive Testing which is now used by many standardized exams;** it effectively programs the test to increase difficulty after you answer a question right. So acing the first few questions is particularly important. There is also a penalty for unanswered questions, so always fill in an answer.

<u>GMAT Test Section</u>	<u># of Questions</u>	<u>Question Types</u>	<u>Timing</u>
Analytical Writing Assessment	1 Topic	Analysis of Argument Multi-Source Reasoning	30 Minutes
Integrated Reasoning	12 Questions	Graphics Interpretation Two-Part Analysis Table Analysis	30 Minutes
Quantitative	37 Questions	Data Sufficiency Problem Solving	75 Minutes
Verbal	41 Questions	Reading Comprehension Critical Reasoning Sentence Correction	75 Minutes
Total Exam Time			3hrs, 30 minutes

## What are the differences between the GMAT and the GRE?

<http://www.princetonreview.com/business/gmat-vs-gre>

If you want to apply to business school but don't want to take the GMAT, you may be in luck. More than 1,200 MBA programs now accept the GRE General Test in lieu of the GMAT for admissions, and that means more options for you. Admissions trends are showing that business schools are looking for applicants with more than just a background and experience in business, and that means that the GMAT is not the only test in the game anymore. Before you choose which test to take, you should find out what the schools you are applying to are looking for, and from there the choice is all up to you. What's the difference? The GMAT and the GRE are very different tests, but they have one thing in common. No matter which test you decide to take, you'll need to prepare if you want to get a score that admissions officers can't ignore. Once you pick the test you want to take, your next step should be to choose how you want to prep for that test.

To help you compare the differences between the tests, check out this handy chart.

	GRE	GMAT
<b>Why Take It</b>	The test is required for admission to most graduate schools and a growing number of business schools.	The test is required for admission to most business schools.
<b>Test Structure</b>	The GRE consists of a 60-minute Analytical Writing section - with two essays at 30 minutes each. There is a Verbal Reasoning section, also with two 30-minute parts. There are two 35-minute Quantitative Reasoning sections. There's also a 30-35 minute experimental section that can be either math or verbal.	The GMAT consists of a 30-minute Analytic section with one essay, a 30-minute Integrated Reasoning section, a 75-minute Quantitative section and a 75-minute Verbal section.
<b>Test Format</b>	Offered as a computer adaptive by section exam in the United States.	The GMAT is a computer-adaptive test.
<b>How It's Scored</b>	Verbal and Quantitative scores from 130 to 170 in 1-point increments.	The overall, or composite, GMAT score ranges from 200 to 800 in 10-point increments.
<b>Cost</b>	\$195	\$250
<b>Testing Time</b>	3.5 hours using paper or 3.75 hours using computer	3.5 hours
<b>How Long Are Scores Valid For?</b>	5 years	5 years

**GMAT Tutor Blog** → Study tips, articles, etc. <https://gmat.economist.com/blog>  
**GMAT Club Forum** → (great info site with searchable prep materials) <http://gmatclub.com/>

### Suggested Prep materials →

How to get free tests: <http://gmatclub.com/forum/gmat-prep-power-prep-official-free-gmat-tests-77548.html>  
Official Guide GMAT Review 2016 <http://www.amazon.com/Official-Review-Online-Question-Exclusive/dp/1119042488>

Foundations of GMAT Math, 5th Ed. (Manhattan GMAT Preparation Guide)

<http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1935707590?ie=UTF8&SubscriptionId=AKIAI64YCHI5CUFVMXDQ&camp=2025&creative=386001&creativeASIN=1935707590&linkCode=sp1&showDetailTechData=1&tag=mbbo06-20#technical-data>

The PowerScore GMAT Critical Reasoning Bible <http://mbabookshop.com/books/the-powerscore-gmat-critical-reasoning-bible>