



TOEFL[®] and GRE[®] Update

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- GRE® revised General Test



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TOEFL® Test Overview



- More than 24 million test takers since 1964
- Most widely available academic English-language test in the world
 - Administered in over 4,500 certified test centers in more than 165 countries
- Most widely recognized
 - More than 7,500 institutions, professional bodies, immigration authorities and scholarship agencies worldwide recognize and accept TOEFL® scores
- 96% of all TOEFL testing today is TOEFL® iBT (Internet-based Test)



TOEFL[®] Internet-based Test (iBT)



- Tests all four skills: Reading, Listening, Speaking, Writing
- 100% academic
- Emphasizes communicative English – focuses on how well students **use** English, not just what they **know** about it
- Integrated questions show whether students can summarize, evaluate, compare and synthesize information from multiple sources
- Integrated questions:
 - Read + Listen > Speak in response
 - Read + Listen > Write in response
 - Listen > Speak in response



Scoring You Can Trust



- Fair testing with unbiased, objective scoring
 - Raters see and hear worldwide responses – not just from one country
 - Raters do not know the examinee
 - Three to six raters anonymously score Speaking responses
 - Four ratings for Writing responses
- Highly trained Raters
 - New raters must complete training and pass a certification test
 - Take calibration test each time they begin scoring or change to a different question type
 - Review exemplar responses after a break to refocus attention
 - Continually monitored by Scoring Leaders



Innovation in Scoring



- July 2009 - TOEFL® program began to use the *e-rater*® automated scoring engine in a limited and responsible way for Writing
- Integrated writing task:
 - two human raters
 - Independent writing task:
 - one human rater + one automated rating
 - Combines the judgment of humans for content and meaning and the consistency of automated scoring for linguistic features
 - At present, no automated scoring engine can evaluate content and meaning at the sophisticated level tested by TOEFL iBT's integrated writing task without also having the contributions of a human scorer.



Faster Scores & Speech Samples



- **Faster score turnaround**
 - Scores are now available to test takers in two weeks or less
 - Further reductions planned
- **Speech samples available to score users**
 - Scored speech sample from integrated speaking task
 - One minute in length
 - Available online free of charge to score users
 - Register with ETS and sign confidentiality statement
 - Available for those testing June 24, 2009 onward



Lexile[®] Measures



TOEFL[®] Reading Scores matched to Lexile[®] Measures

- Lexile measures match reading ability and text difficulty of reading materials on the same scale
- Test takers can match TOEFL iBT Reading score with a Lexile measure at www.lexile.com/toefl
- Test takers are then provided with a list of high- interest materials that are appropriate to their skill level to promote reading development
- List of reading materials includes more than 115,000 fiction and non fiction books as well as millions of articles

TOEFL® TV on YouTube®



TOEFL® TV on YouTube®

- New TOEFL® channel on YouTube® invites teachers and students to send short videos with tips on
 - Learning English
 - Preparing for the TOEFL® test
 - Learn about studying abroad
- Visit TOEFL® TV at www.youtube.com/TOEFLtv





A web site just for students!

- Student videos to help prepare for the test
- Teacher videos with language learning tips
- Path to Test Day
- What to Expect on Test Day
- Free and priced test prep materials
- Find a test center and register
- Easy search for schools and TOEFL codes



E-mail Notification



Beginning in July, TOEFL will send an e-mail to test takers to inform them when their scores are available online.

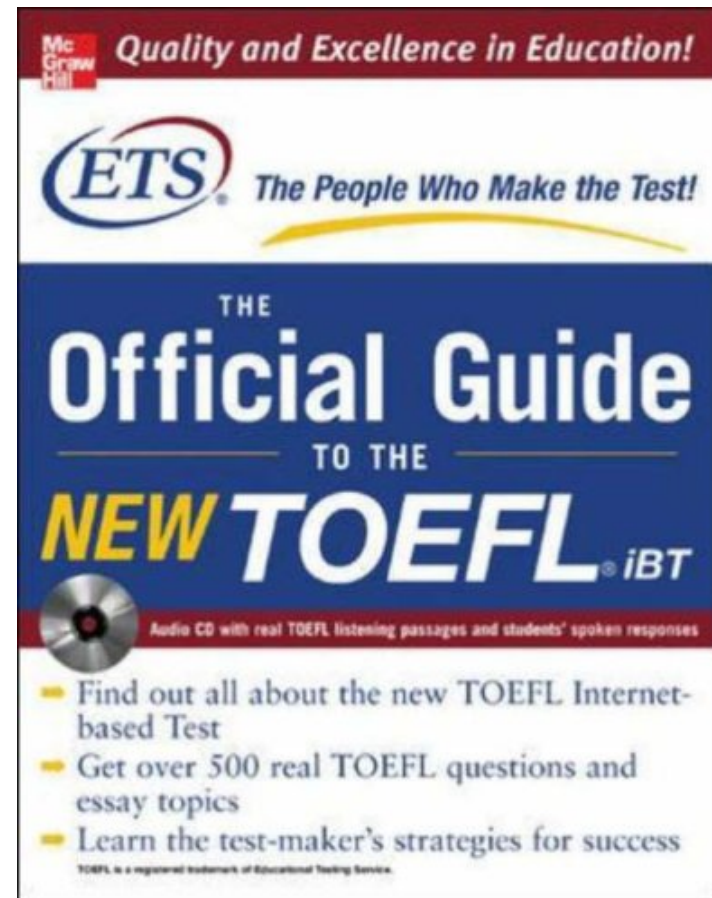


Free Materials for EducationUSA Advisors



10 free copies of *The Official Guide to the TOEFL iBT* - Second Edition for each advising center

- Order online at www.ets.org/toefl/ecamaterials
- ETS pays shipping costs
- Order other materials free of charge





GRE[®] General Overview



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The GRE® Testing Program



- GRE® General Test
 - Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning and Analytical Writing
- GRE® Subject Tests
 - Biochemistry, Cell and Molecular Biology
 - Biology
 - Chemistry
 - Computer Science
 - Literature in English
 - Mathematics
 - Physics
 - Psychology





GRE[®] Acceptance

- The GRE[®] General Test is the most widely accepted, proven standardized assessment for graduate and professional school
- More than 600,000 people take the GRE General test annually
- The GRE test is taken by people from over 230 countries throughout the world each year
- The GRE test is widely accessible, with availability at nearly 700 test centers in more than 150 countries



GRE® Acceptance



- A rapidly growing number of business schools, including many top global MBA programs, are now accepting GRE General Test scores
- The GRE test continues to be affordable for test takers
 - The GRE General Test is lower than other test fees





GRE® Test Dates 2010-11

GRE® General Test (Paper-based testing):

- October 23, 2010
- November 20, 2010 – **new!**
- February 12, 2011

GRE® Subject Tests:

- October 9, 2010
- November 13, 2010
- April 9, 2011





GRE[®] Services for Students

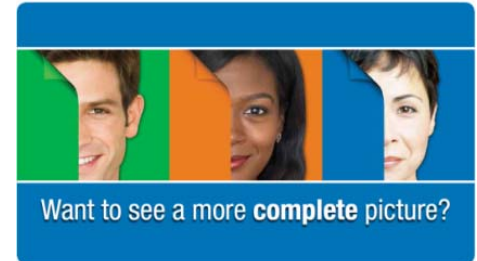
- Test Preparation Material/Services
- **GRE Search Service**
- **View/Print Tickets Online**
- Score Reporting Services
 - Scores by Phone
 - Additional Score Reports (ASRs) by Phone
 - ASRs Online
 - **View Scores Online**
- Question and Answer Review Service



ETS® Personal Potential Index (ETS® PPI)



Show graduate programs a more complete picture of your potential for success



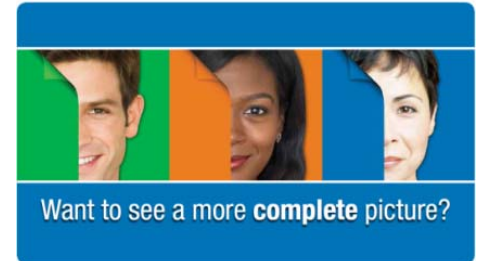
- Web-based system that helps applicants provide graduate and professional schools with more evidence about capabilities that graduate deans and faculty have identified as essential for success.
- Offers a simple and convenient process to collect and report essential information about your personal attributes to round out your graduate school application.
 - Not intended to replace letters of recommendation.



Personal Attributes Measured by the ETS® PPI system



- Knowledge and Creativity
- Communication Skills
- Teamwork
- Resilience
- Planning and Organization
- Ethics and Integrity



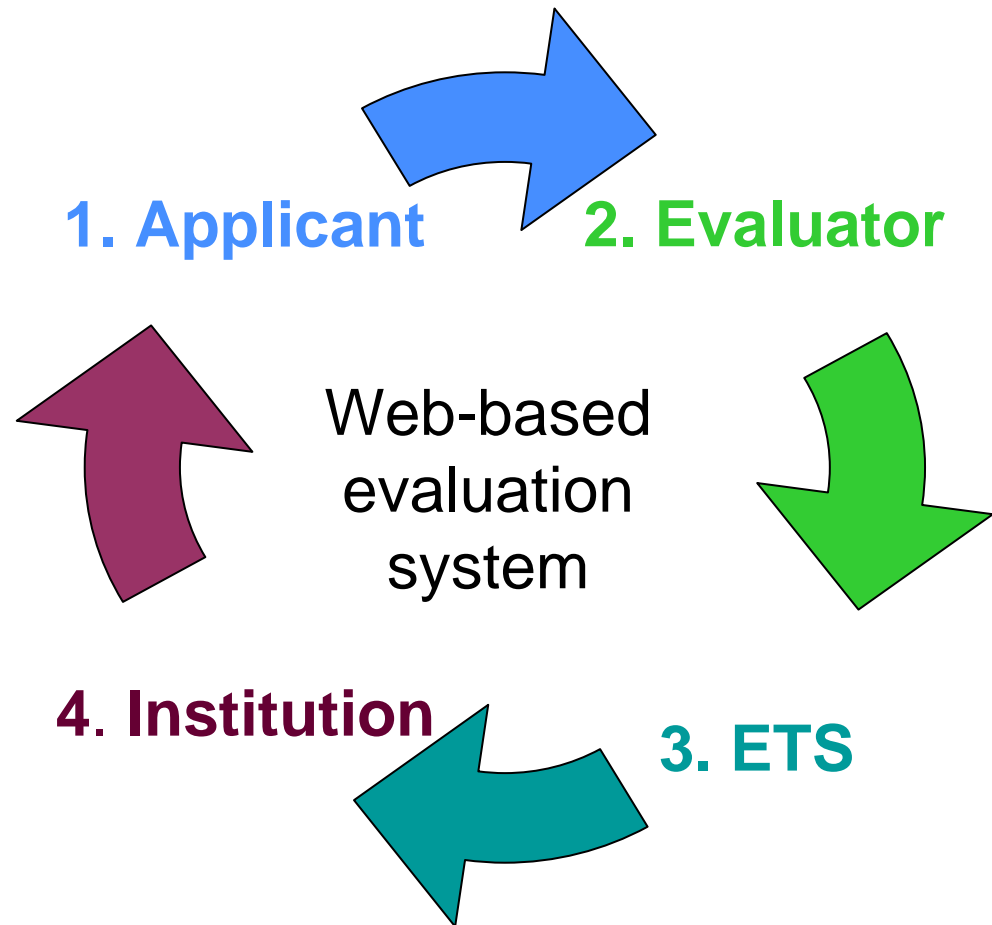
GRE General Test registrants can send up to four free ETS PPI reports as part of their test fee.



The ETS® PPI Process



1. Applicant selects evaluators
 - Up to five per report
2. Evaluators rate applicant
 - 24 statements, plus overall rating
 - Likert scale
 - Evaluators can add optional text
3. ETS creates evaluation report
4. Report sent to institutions designated by applicant





GRE[®] revised General Test



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News Flash: GRE[®] revised General Test Is Launching in 2011



**The first administration will
be in August 2011.**

The **GRE**[®]
revised
General Test

Better by
Design

Most trusted assessment of graduate-level skills will be even better:

- More closely aligned with the skills needed to succeed in graduate school
- More simplicity in distinguishing performance differences between candidates
- More test-taker friendly for an enhanced test experience



GRE[®] revised General Test



- The test is changing in response to feedback from the graduate community
- The test has been enhanced to provide even better results — with the validity, security and fairness you trust
- Features a new level of sophistication in psychometric design and delivery
- The GRE[®] Board has had an ongoing role in the GRE[®] revised General Test development and fully supports the revisions



Changes to the Test



New content that is more closely aligned with the skills candidates need to succeed

- **Verbal Reasoning measure** – includes more questions that require complex reasoning; no vocabulary out of context (antonyms and analogies have been eliminated)
- **Quantitative Reasoning measure** – contains same basic mathematical concepts (arithmetic, algebra, geometry, and data analysis); includes questions with more real-life scenarios
- **Analytical Writing measure** – tasks require more focused responses



Revised Verbal Reasoning Measure



Measures a candidate's ability to:

- Analyze and draw conclusions from discourse, and reason from incomplete data
- Understand multiple levels of meaning such as literal, figurative and author's intent
- Summarize text and distinguish major from minor points



Revised Verbal Reasoning Measure (continued)



More closely aligned with the type of work students do in graduate school:

- More complex reasoning
- No vocabulary out of context (Antonyms and Analogies will be dropped)
- Greater emphasis on higher-level cognitive skills
 - More text-based materials such as reading passages
- New question types *and* new computer-enabled tasks, such as highlight a relevant sentence to answer a question



Revised Quantitative Reasoning Measure

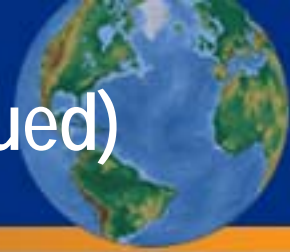


Measures a candidate's ability to:

- Solve problems using mathematical models
- Understand quantitative information
- Interpret and analyze quantitative information



Revised Quantitative Reasoning Measure (continued)



Same basic concepts, but more real-life scenarios to better gauge candidates' skills:

- Mathematical knowledge expected of test takers remains unchanged
 - basic concepts of arithmetic, algebra, geometry and data analysis
- Increased proportion of questions involving real-life scenarios and data interpretation
- An on-screen calculator for use in this section to reduce the emphasis on computation
- New question types *and* new computer-enabled tasks, such as entering a numerical answer





Revised Analytical Writing Measure

Measures a candidate's ability to:

- Articulate complex ideas clearly and effectively
- Support ideas with relevant reasons and examples
- Examine claims and accompanying evidence



Revised Analytical Writing Measure (continued)



The Analytical Writing measure will not change dramatically:

- Test takers will continue to complete two essay tasks:
 - Analyze an Issue
 - Analyze an Argument
- Test takers will be asked to provide more focused responses to questions to demonstrate skill in directly responding to the task presented



More Simplicity in Distinguishing Performance Differences Between Candidates



Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning scores will be reported on a new score scale:

- New score scale: 130 – 170 score scale, in 1-point increments
- Current score scale: 200 – 800 score scale, in 10-point increments



No Changes to Analytical Writing Scores



The Analytical Writing scores will not change:

- The Analytical Writing scores continue to be reported on the same 0 – 6 score scale, in half-point increments





Changes for the Test Taker

More test-taker friendly for an enhanced test experience

- Features a design, allowing test takers to move freely within each section, and take advantage of their own personal test-taking strategies
- The new test design delivers a friendlier, more flexible experience for the test taker





Changes for the Test Taker

Changes include:

- New questions that better reflect the skills they need for graduate and business school
- New response formats, such as computer-enabled tasks like numeric entry answers
- Less reliance on vocabulary out of context, and more emphasis on reading
- New preview and review capabilities within a section
- New “mark and review” feature to tag questions
- New ability to change/edit answers
- New on-screen calculator for the Quantitative Reasoning measure



Test Centers for the GRE[®] revised General Test



- Will maintain continuous testing through existing test center network
- Balance access, security and price to test takers
- Additional test date for Paper-based GRE[®] General Test beginning November 2010





Important Dates

2010

- **July** - Free test prep available to test takers

2011

August-September

- August 1: First day of testing for revised test
- For tests administered in August–September, scores will be reported in early November





Important Dates

2011

October

- For tests administered in October, scores will be reported in mid-November

November

- For tests administered early to mid-November, scores will be reported in late November

Late November

- Score reporting returns to the regular reporting period (10–15 days after test date)



The best way to stay informed



Sign up now for important information and tips to help you get ready for the GRE revised General Test launch

www.ets.org/gre/updates



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