It’s Time to Get Ready!

Your Guide to Helpful Resources
Registration for the GRE® revised General Test is open!

Now is the time for the graduate and business school community and prospective test takers to get ready for the launch of the revised test in August.

Encourage your applicants to take the revised test between August 1 and September 30, 2011 to save 50% on their test fee. Their scores will be sent by mid-November.

Also, be sure to tell students who need their scores before November that they must take the current test before August.
What you need to know to get ready

Starting in August, people around the world will begin taking the GRE® revised General Test and experiencing the new friendlier, more flexible test design among other exciting changes.

For institutions, the GRE revised General Test will provide an even better measure of the skills necessary for success in today’s demanding graduate and business school programs:

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

With the launch coming in August, now is the best time for the graduate and business school community to get ready — and we’re here to help.

You can find an array of resources to help you get ready at [www.ets.org/gre/infocenter](http://www.ets.org/gre/infocenter)
A few easy things you can do right now

**Get the word out.** Be sure to tell applicants that the test is changing and there are important score reporting dates they need to know to meet your application deadlines. To make sure your applicants get all the information they need, review your internal and external publications to make sure they address the revised test as appropriate. Check and update your website and online materials to ensure they have the latest timing information and news about the launch. (Remember — if you need to receive your applicants’ GRE® scores before November, they will need to take the current test before August.)

**Learn about the new score scale.** While the score scale is changing, it’s not necessary to alter your current admissions practices and methodology. However, now is the time to familiarize yourself with the new score scale and new score report. Scores will begin to be reported in early November. Due to the special score reporting schedule, you will likely receive a higher-than-normal volume of score reports in November.
**Stay informed.** Our *eUpdate* newsletter provides important information about the GRE® revised General Test, including webinars and other resources to help you. You can sign up to receive the *eUpdate* at [www.ets.org/gre/updates](http://www.ets.org/gre/updates) and review past issues at [www.ets.org/gre/infocenter](http://www.ets.org/gre/infocenter).

**Resources that make it easy for you to get ready**

Whether you have just a few minutes or more time to spend exploring, we’ve provided an array of short videos and more in-depth resources to help you and your colleagues get ready for the GRE revised General Test. For your convenience, the information and resources listed in this guide are organized by topic and are accessible from the GRE Information Center at [www.ets.org/gre/infocenter](http://www.ets.org/gre/infocenter).

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How the test is changing

The GRE® revised General Test features enhancements and new content that better reflect the skills needed to succeed in today’s demanding graduate and business school programs. With these changes, including many new question types, the revised test will continue to effectively measure verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning, critical thinking and analytical writing.

Here’s a brief review of what is changing:

The Verbal Reasoning Measure
- More complex reasoning and no vocabulary out of context
- Antonyms and analogies have been eliminated
- Places a greater emphasis on higher-level cognitive skills

The Quantitative Reasoning Measure
- More real-life scenarios
- Emphasis on data interpretation
- An on-screen calculator in this section reduces the emphasis on computation*

The Analytical Writing Measure
- Tasks require more focused responses and less generalization

*For those taking the paper-based GRE revised General Test, calculators will be provided at the test center for use during the test.
These resources provide an overview of the changes coming in August:

**Watch our “Overview” video**
This 6-minute video provides a quick guide to how the GRE® General Test is changing and what those changes can mean to you.

**Register for a “Getting Ready” webinar**
Participate in an upcoming webinar with live Q&A, or view the pre-recorded version without Q&A at your convenience.

**What you need to know about the new score scale**

Starting in November, scores will be reported based on the new score scale. Since significant changes have been made to the Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning measures on the revised test, professional standards require changes to the score scale.

Here is the new score scale:

**Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning scores**
will be reported on a new 130 – 170 score scale, in 1-point increments (versus 200 – 800 in 10-point increments)

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

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Score scale resources

The new score scale offers you more simplicity in distinguishing performance differences between your candidates.

These resources explain the changes to the score scale and what you need to know:

Watch the 7-minute video, *Understanding the New Score Scale*. It covers the changes to the score scale, the transition from 10-point increments to 1-point increments and why the test is moving to a 41-point score scale from the current 61-point score scale. The video also provides valuable information on the use of percentiles and describes the new concordance tables that will become available in November.

Read the new flyer, *The New Score Scale: An In-Depth Look*, for a detailed review of the changes to the score scale.

Download the May 2010 *eUpdate*. This issue of our popular newsletter provides a complete review of the changes to the score scale and why it was changed.

View a sample of the new score report format coming in November.

Plus, coming in November, concordance tables will be available on [www.ets.org/gre](http://www.ets.org/gre) as a convenient way to compare scores from the current GRE® General Test with scores from the GRE® revised General Test. Concordance data will also be included on the score report when applicable.
How the test design is changing

Become familiar with how the new test-taker friendly design provides applicants with the freedom to take advantage of more of their own personal test-taking style. This includes the ability to change answers and mark questions to skip and return to later — all within a section. There’s even an on-screen calculator for help with the Quantitative Reasoning measure.*

These resources are available now:

Watch the 6-minute video, A Closer Look at the New Test Content, which provides an overview of the changes to the test design and format.

Download the POWERPREP® II Software to see what the computer-based GRE revised General Test is really like. This is the only comprehensive test prep that is as close to the actual test as you can get. Experience the new design features first-hand, review test-taking strategies, Analytical Writing scored sample essay responses and more. You can also download the Practice Book for the Paper-Based GRE® revised General Test to see what the paper-based GRE revised General Test is like.

View sample questions for a preview of some of the new question types used in the Analytical Writing Measure, Verbal Reasoning Measure and Quantitative Reasoning Measure of the GRE revised General Test.

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Resources for advisors

You play an important role in making prospective applicants aware of the exciting changes and opportunities coming with the GRE® revised General Test.

Below are some additional resources designed specifically to help you provide information to your applicants. Together, we can help ensure that everyone is ready for the GRE revised General Test.

**Watch** the 6-minute video, *Advising Students for Success*. It provides an informative overview of the key things about the revised test that advisors need to make sure students know.

**Download** the Advisor Information Kit. This comprehensive package includes an advisor guide, graphics to place on your website, handouts to share with students and posters to display in your office and around campus.

**Together, we can get ready now**

We know you have busy schedules. That’s why we’re here to assist you with the resources available at [www.ets.org/gre/infocenter](http://www.ets.org/gre/infocenter), the special GRE revised General Test Helpline at [GREhelpline@ets.org](mailto:GREhelpline@ets.org) or call +1-609-683-2662.

Also, sign up now to receive the important information and timing you need at [www.ets.org/gre/updates](http://www.ets.org/gre/updates).
What to tell prospective applicants

Be sure to tell your applicants about the great opportunity — available if they take the GRE revised General Test between August 1 and September 30, 2011 — to save 50% on their test fee. Scores will be sent by mid-November. Applicants should be made aware that if they need their scores before November to meet your application deadlines, they should take the current test before August.

You can direct applicants to the following helpful resources:

www.TakeTheGRE.com has the latest information about the GRE tests, free official GRE test preparation software and other helpful materials. Applicants can sign up for free alerts and reminders.

The GRE website at www.ets.org/gre also has full details on the GRE tests.

Join us on Facebook. Our Facebook page, “I’m Taking the GRE revised General Test,” offers applicants a place to share advice and get up-to-date information about the GRE revised General Test.

View the special score reporting schedule at www.ets.org/gre/scoreschedule

50% discount offer applies to the GRE® revised General Test administration fee only for tests taken from August 1, 2011 – September 30, 2011. Examinees who take the test during this testing period will be sent their scores by mid-November 2011. Fee and discount does not include all applicable fees, Value Added or similar taxes. Cannot be applied to previous registrations or combined with any other offers. Examinees who register within the promotional period may reschedule during such promotional period, subject to applicable fees; however, any and all other cancellations and rescheduled exams are non-refundable. Not valid for cash or cash equivalent. There are no guarantees of seat availability, so examinees must register to reserve a seat. All other GRE terms and conditions are in effect. ETS may modify or discontinue this offer at any time without notice.
Start getting ready for the August launch today.

Sign up now to receive the important information and timing you need at www.ets.org/greUpdates.