Thinking about returning to school?

It’s a smart move

Getting an advanced degree can create many opportunities. In fact, recent data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics illustrates how education pays in higher earnings and lower unemployment rates. So, now might be just the right time to consider a graduate or business degree.

How to get started

If it has been a while since you have been in school, that’s okay. Here are some tips to help you get started.

First, you will want to think about the type of school and program that will be the best fit for you.

You will also want to take the GRE® revised General Test — it is the test that most graduate and business schools around the world use as part of their application process. There is no need to worry about taking this important next step because the GRE® Program has a variety of free resources to help you get ready!

You will want to begin by learning a little more about the GRE revised General Test, so here are some quick facts:

- The content of the test closely reflects the kind of thinking you will do in graduate or business school.
- The test takes about 3 hours and 45 minutes (plus timed breaks) and you will take it on computer at an official test center.
- The test covers:

  **Verbal Reasoning** — Measures your ability to analyze and evaluate written material and synthesize information obtained from it, analyze relationships among component parts of sentences and recognize relationships among words and concepts.

  **Quantitative Reasoning** — Measures problem-solving ability, focusing on basic concepts of arithmetic, algebra, geometry and data analysis.

  **Analytical Writing** — Measures critical thinking and analytical writing skills, specifically your ability to articulate and support complex ideas clearly and effectively.
Refresh your skills

If you feel like it has been a while since you have encountered questions on these topics, the GRE Program has a number of free test preparation materials that can help you refresh your skills. Two of the documents you might find useful are:

**GRE Math Review**

This 100-page math refresher includes definitions, properties, examples and a set of exercises with answers at the end of each section.

**GRE Math Conventions**

Mathematical notations, symbols, terminology and guidelines are included for interpreting information in the GRE revised General Test.

Next, if you are ready to try a real practice test, you will find two of them in the *POWERPREP® II* software. This comprehensive, downloadable software also includes strategies, hundreds of sample questions with explanations and more. You can even take it as a timed test. It is as close to the actual computer-based test as you can get!

You will find this free test preparation help, plus quick videos, practice books and more — all available directly from the test maker to help you get ready — at ets.org/gre/prepare.

Get the Power of Confidence

If you are still not sure about taking the next step, keep in mind that the GRE revised General Test can give you the Power of Confidence to help you do your best.

Wake up on test day feeling ready. If you do your best, that’s terrific! You can send your scores to prospective schools right away. But, with the ScoreSelect® option, available ONLY with GRE tests, you do not have to. You can send only your best set of scores! That’s right. If you feel you want to try again, you can retake the test and you will only need to send the set of scores you want schools to see. Just knowing you have that option will help you feel more confident on test day. Learn more about this at ets.org/gre/scoreselect.

And you may also find it good to know that the GRE revised General Test has some friendly features that let you use more of your own personal test-taking strategies. For example, the GRE revised General Test is the only admissions test for graduate or business school that lets you skip questions within a section, go back and change answers, and have control to tackle the questions, within a section, that you want to answer first.

**Taking the GRE revised General Test to pursue graduate or business school is a smart move for your future.**

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