

How the GRE General Test Changed in 2023

On Sept. 22, 2023, the world's most widely used test for admission to graduate and professional programs, including business and law, became more efficient so you can test and submit your applications sooner!

Main changes included:

- **Shorter Duration** - The test was shortened from 4 hours to just under 2.
- **Fewer Essays** - The number of essays was reduced to 1 (from 2).
- **Faster Score Reporting** - Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning scores are viewable once you've completed the test. The Official Score Report, which is delivered within 8 days, includes your Analytical Writing scores as well.



How Else Do the Tests Compare?

	Previous GRE <i>available before Sept. 21, 2023</i>	Current GRE <i>available since Sept. 22, 2023</i>
Acceptance	Thousands of graduate, business and law schools accept GRE scores for their master's, MBA, JD and PhD programs.	
Skills Measured	Both measure verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning, critical thinking and analytical writing.	
Question Types	Both have the same question types with one exception: the shorter GRE does not have the "Analyze an Argument" essay task in the Analytical Writing section.	
Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Analytical Writing essay tasks • 2 Verbal Reasoning sections with 40 questions total • 2 Quantitative Reasoning sections with 40 questions total • 1 unscored section with 20 questions • 1 scheduled break (10 minutes, after the second hour) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Analytical Writing essay task • 2 Verbal Reasoning sections with 27 questions total • 2 Quantitative Reasoning sections with 27 questions total
Availability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At a test center: The test is offered on a continuous basis at hundreds of centers in 160 countries, so there is likely one that is convenient to you. • At home: Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. 	
Test Taking Experience	Move back and forth, mark questions and change your answers as many times as you'd like. Use the on-screen calculator during the Quant section.	
Score scales	Both use the same score scales (see chart), and care was taken to maintain important technical properties with the shorter test so schools can use the scores the same way across individuals who tested before and after September 2023.	