

GRE® General Test Overview

What Is It?

The GRE® General Test measures verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning, critical thinking, and analytical writing skills that have been acquired over a long period of time and that are not related to any specific field of study.

Verbal Reasoning — The skills measured include the test taker's ability to: analyze and evaluate written material and synthesize information obtained from it; analyze relationships among component parts of sentences; recognize relationships between words and concepts.

Quantitative Reasoning — The skills measured include the test taker's ability to: understand basic concepts of arithmetic, algebra, geometry, and data analysis; reason quantitatively; solve problems in a quantitative setting.

Analytical Writing — The skills measured include the test taker's ability to: articulate complex ideas clearly and effectively; examine claims and accompanying evidence; support ideas with relevant reasons and examples; sustain a well-focused, coherent discussion; control the elements of standard written English.

Who Takes It and Why?

Prospective graduate applicants take the General Test. GRE® test scores are used by admissions or fellowship panels to supplement undergraduate records and other qualifications for graduate study. The scores provide common measures for comparing the qualifications of applicants and aid in evaluating grades and recommendations.

Where Do People Take It?

The General Test is offered year-round at computer-based test centers in the U.S., Canada, and many other countries. It is offered at paper-based test centers in areas of the world where computer-based testing is not available.

Who Accepts It?

Any accredited graduate, business or professional school, or any department or division within a school, may require or recommend that its applicants take the General Test, a Subject Test, or both. If approved by the GRE® Board, a non-accredited institution can also receive test takers' scores.

For More Information

This information was taken directly from ETS at: <http://www.ets.org/gre>
Please visit the above webpage for more information on registering to take the GRE, preparation tips and applicable fees.

Please see the reverse side of this handout for information regarding Subject Tests.