

The New Score Scale

An In-Depth Look



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The score scale is changing with the GRE[®] revised General Test

More simplicity in distinguishing performance differences between your candidates

The launch of the GRE[®] revised General Test in August brings with it many significant changes that provide benefits to both test takers and score users. One of the most important changes is the introduction of a new score scale which helps distinguish the GRE revised General Test from the current test.

Here's what you need to know:

- Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning scores will be reported on a new score scale of 130 – 170 instead of the current score scale of 200 – 800.
- Scores will be reported in 1-point increments versus the current 10-point increments.
- The score scale will be moved to a 41-point scale from the current 61-point scale.
- Analytical Writing scores will continue to be reported on the same 0 6 score scale, in half-point increments.

Verbal Reasoning & Quantitative Reasoning Score Scales						
Current: 200 – 800 10-point increments	Revised: 130 – 170 1-point increments					
Note: 0-6 scale for Analytical Writing will not change						

These changes were developed to enhance the score scale to provide more simplicity in distinguishing performance differences between your candidates. The new score scale will help you make more accurate comparisons between candidates — and even better admission decisions for your graduate or business school programs.

How to make admissions decisions with the new score scale

Because GRE[®] scores remain valid for five years, you may get applicants with scores from the current GRE[®] General Test, the GRE revised General Test — and some with scores from both tests. How can you compare them? We're creating several important tools to help you:

Concordance information to help ease the transition. Created to help bridge scores from the current score scale (200 – 800) to the revised score scale (130 – 170), the concordance information is designed to help you compare scores on the current GRE General Test with scores on the GRE revised General Test. This new information will become available in November 2011 after the completion of the statistical analyses required for transition to the new 130 – 170 score scale.

A new score report. The new score report has been enhanced to provide more information about an applicant including email address, telephone number and intended graduate major. It will contain scores and percentile ranks, and concordance information when appropriate. This same information will also be reported in the electronic data files sent to institutions through SCORELINK[®] Internet Delivery Service and on CD.

New ways to make more meaningful comparisons

Why 1-point increments will lead to better decisions. Current Verbal and Quantitative Reasoning scores are reported in 10-point increments. On the revised test, these scores will be reported in 1-point increments, which will produce scores that do not exaggerate small performance differences between examinees. Scores based on 1-point increments make it clearer and much simpler for you to compare candidates.

The major benefit of using the new 1-point increments is that small score differences are less likely to be interpreted as meaningful when used for comparison — and candidates with larger differences will stand out more clearly.

How the new 41-point scale gives you more information to work with. The 41-point scale was selected to balance the changes in content, test length and a new psychometric model. By making more effective use of the entire scale than the current 61-point scale, the new 41-point scale gives you more information to work with and more differentiation among candidates' scores.

Starting in November, here's what your new score report will look like

A sample of the new score report is shown here to illustrate the changes and the information you'll have available to help you compare candidates.

You'll find the new score scale, score reports and additional tools can help you more easily compare candidates with scores from the current test, the GRE revised General Test or both tests. While the score scale is changing, GRE General Test scores and GRE revised General Test scores will continue to be valid for five years.

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telephone number and
intended graduate major.

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Mary A. Smith	Intended Graduate Major:				
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USA	Name: Biology				
Email: msmith@bdn.edu	Most Recent:				
Phone: 1-601-974-3212					
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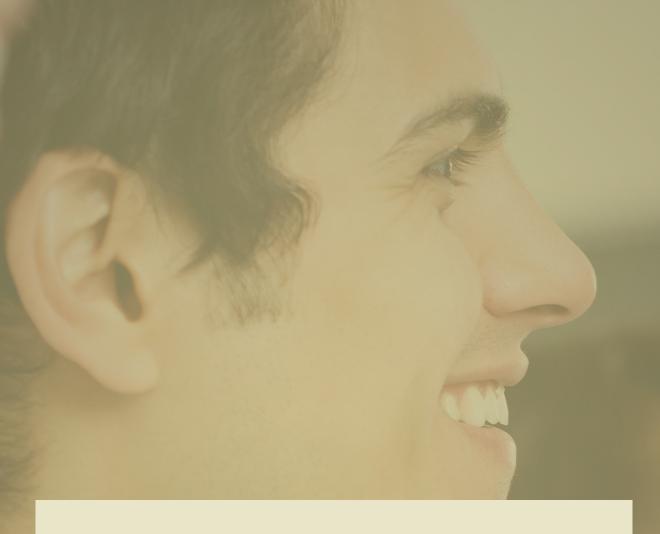
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Estimated scores on the new scale for administrations before August 2011.

Scores on the new scale for administrations in August 2011 or later. Percentile ranks based on the most recent three-year period.

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Things you can do now to get ready for the new score scale

- View our 6-minute video, Understanding the New Score Scale.
- Check out the resources we have available by visiting the GRE Information Center. You'll find important timing information for the revised test, webinars, videos and other materials about the changes to the test and score scale — all organized by topic for your convenience.
- **Consider** whether you need to publish admissions criteria for this period now.

You can find an array of resources to help you get ready at www.ets.org/gre/infocenter.

Start getting ready for the August launch today.

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

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