

GRE Exam – A to Z Full Requirements

A. Age Requirement

- No official minimum or maximum age limit.
 - Most test-takers are university graduates or final-year undergraduates.
 - Some universities may informally expect applicants to be at least 18+.
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B. Basic Eligibility

- Anyone can register regardless of nationality, age, gender, or background.
 - No restrictions on undergraduate major.
 - Primary requirement: a valid government-issued ID (passport for international test-takers).
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C. Computer & Paper Formats

- **GRE General Test:** computer-delivered (most common).
 - **Paper-based GRE General Test:** only where computers are unavailable.
 - **GRE Subject Tests:** paper-delivered only (Math, Physics, Psychology).
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D. Documents Required

1. Valid government-issued ID:
 - Passport (mandatory for most international candidates).
 - Name must exactly match registration.
 2. University application requirements may include:
 - GRE score report.
 - Undergraduate transcripts.
 - Recommendation letters.
 - Statement of purpose (handled after the exam, not by ETS).
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E. Eligibility Criteria

- No strict eligibility rules set by ETS.
 - Designed mainly for graduate school applicants.
 - Candidates should have completed or be near completing undergraduate education.
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F. Fee Structure

- GRE General Test: **US\$220** (worldwide, standard).
 - GRE Subject Test: **US\$150** each.
 - Special handling fees:
 - Rescheduling: US\$50.
 - Changing test center: US\$50.
 - Additional score reports: US\$35 per recipient.
 - Score review (quant/verbal): US\$50.
 - Score review (analytical writing): US\$60.
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G. GRE Types

1. **GRE General Test**
 - Verbal Reasoning.
 - Quantitative Reasoning.
 - Analytical Writing.
 2. **GRE Subject Tests**
 - Mathematics.
 - Physics.
 - Psychology.
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H. How Many Times

- GRE can be taken **once every 21 days**, up to **5 times in a rolling 12-month period**.
 - Applies even if you cancel a score.
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I. Identification Rules

- ID must:
 - Be original (no photocopies).
 - Be valid (not expired).
 - Contain full name, photo, and signature.
 - Most countries: **passport required**.
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J. Jurisdictions (Availability)

- Offered in **over 160 countries**.
 - More than **1,000 test centers worldwide**.
 - Subject Tests offered 3 times a year (Sept, Oct, Apr).
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K. Knowledge Tested

1. **Verbal Reasoning** – vocabulary, reading comprehension, text completion.
 2. **Quantitative Reasoning** – arithmetic, algebra, geometry, data analysis.
 3. **Analytical Writing** – critical thinking, logical argumentation.
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L. Language

- GRE is conducted **only in English**.
 - No translations provided.
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M. Mode of Exam

- Computer-delivered (most locations).
 - Paper-delivered only in regions lacking computers.
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N. Nationality Restrictions

- None. Open to all nationalities.

O. Official Scores

- Available **10–15 days after test** (computer-based).
 - Subject Test scores released in **5 weeks**.
 - Official reports sent directly to universities chosen.
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P. Passport Requirement

- Mandatory for all international candidates.
 - Must match registration details exactly.
 - Name mismatches → disqualification.
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Q. Qualification Requirement

- No strict educational requirement set by ETS.
 - But:
 - Most candidates are undergraduate degree holders.
 - Universities typically require GRE scores as part of graduate admissions.
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R. Registration

- Online via ETS account.
 - Phone registration available in some regions.
 - Advance booking advised (slots fill fast).
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S. Scoring System

- **Verbal Reasoning:** 130–170 (1-point increments).
- **Quantitative Reasoning:** 130–170 (1-point increments).
- **Analytical Writing:** 0–6 (0.5-point increments).
- Subject Tests: scaled 200–990.
- Score validity: **5 years**.

T. Test Duration

- **GRE General Test:** about **1 hour 58 minutes** (new shorter version since Sept 2023).
 - Verbal: 2 sections, ~41 min.
 - Quant: 2 sections, ~47 min.
 - Analytical Writing: 1 section, ~30 min.
 - Subject Tests: ~2 hrs 50 min.
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U. Universities Accepting GRE

- Accepted by **thousands of universities worldwide**, including:
 - US, Canada, Europe, Australia, Asia.
 - Some business schools also accept GRE (instead of GMAT).
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V. Validity

- GRE scores are valid for **5 years** from test date.
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W. Waivers

- ETS sometimes offers **Fee Reduction Program**:
 - 50% discount for eligible candidates (low-income or certain programs).
 - Some universities waive GRE requirements (but ETS doesn't control this).
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X. Exam Centers

- Located in all major cities across 160+ countries.
 - Candidates must check ETS website for nearest center.
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Y. Year-round Availability

- Computer-based GRE offered **year-round**.
 - Appointments subject to local test center capacity.
 - Subject Tests: fixed dates (3 times annually).
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Z. Zero Tolerance Policy

- ETS strictly enforces rules against:
 - Cheating, misconduct, using unauthorized aids.
 - Name/ID mismatches.
 - Any violation may result in cancellation without refund.