



TEST PREP

# Quick Comparison of the GRE<sup>®</sup> :

	Current GRE	New GRE
<b>Availability</b>	Until July 31, 2011 (seats permitting)	Starting August 1, 2011
<b>Adaptivity</b>	Adapts after you answer a question: if you answer a question correctly, the next question is harder; if you answer a question incorrectly, the next question is easier	Adapts only after a set of 20 questions has been answered: if you get a high percent of questions right, the next set will be more difficult; if you get a low percent of questions right, the next set will be easier
<b>Length</b>	About 3 hours to complete	About 4 hours to complete
<b>Scored Sections</b>	2 essays, 1 math section, 1 verbal section	2 essays 2 math sections, 2 verbal sections
<b>Question Types</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verbal: Analogies, Antonyms, Sentence Completion, Reading Comprehension</li> <li>• Math: Quantitative Comparison, Problem Solving, Data Interpretation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verbal: Text Completion, Sentence Equivalence, Reading Comprehension (with increased focus on short passages)</li> <li>• Math: The same question types with additional answer formats (numeric entry and “select all that are correct”)</li> </ul>
<b>Navigation and Test Interface</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must answer a question before you see the next question</li> <li>• Cannot change answers once you’ve answered them</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can move freely within a section and review answers once you’ve answered them</li> <li>• Onscreen calculator available</li> </ul>
<b>Scores</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Essay scores: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0-6 in .5 point increments</li> <li>• 200-800 in 10 point increments</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Essay scores: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0-6 in .5 point increments</li> <li>• 130-170 in 1 point increments</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Score Reporting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unofficial Scores available the day you test</li> <li>• Official Scores available to test taker and grad programs 10-15 days later</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tests taken between August and November will not be scored until November or December</li> <li>• By December, tests will be scored immediately</li> </ul>
<b>Cost of Test</b>	\$160	Expected to be \$160, 50% fee reduction in August & September



### **2011 New GRE Timeline**

- **March 15:** Registration for the new GRE opens.
- **July 31:** Last possible chance to take the current GRE; also the last chance to test for graduate programs with deadlines before mid-November 2011.
- **August 1:** New test launches. Scores will not begin reporting until end of November 2011.
- **Mid-November:** First scores reported.
- **Early December:** Unofficial Quantitative and Verbal scores available day-of-test; normal score reporting resumes.

### **What the New Test Means for You**

**Question:** If I am applying for 1<sup>st</sup> round graduate school programs next fall, which test should I take?

**Answer:** *Because scores will not be available for the new GRE until mid-November 2011, you should take the current GRE to ensure you meet your application deadlines.*

**Question:** Which test is harder?

**Answer:** *There is an objective and a subjective way to think about the difficulty. Objectively, the new test is longer, and the questions test higher level reasoning skills. On the other hand, there are new tools (the ability to move freely between questions) that may help test takers. Subjectively, though, it depends on you and your skill set. If you're on the fence, our advice is to take a practice test of each test and see which you do better on. You can download free practice tests for the current GRE from [kaplanGRE.com](http://kaplanGRE.com). You can download a free practice test for the new GRE from [http://www.ets.org/gre/revised\\_general/prepare/](http://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/prepare/)*

**Question:** Will current GRE scores expire when the new GRE is released?

**Answer:** *No. You can use either current GRE scores or new GRE scores for five years from the day you test. So, if you choose to take the current test, your scores will be good for five years even if you're not applying right away.*

**Question:** How can I learn more about the new GRE?

**Answer:** *Kaplan has set up a GRE 2011 Test Change Info Center that is continually updated as new information about the test becomes available. You can access our Test Change Info Center from [www.KaplanGRE.com/newtest](http://www.KaplanGRE.com/newtest). From here, you can register for events on the new GRE test and subscribe to our Twitter and Facebook pages for free test tips and graduate school admissions advice.*

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