Frequently Asked Questions about the Next Generation GMAT®

What has changed on the GMAT?

The GMAT introduced a new section, called Integrated Reasoning. In addition, the Next Generation GMAT® will now only have one Analytical Writing prompt.

When is the GMAT changing?

The Next Generation GMAT was released on June 5, 2012.

How does the new format impact scoring?

The introduction of the new Integrated Reasoning section does not significantly impact overall test scoring. The Verbal, Quantitative, and Total Scores have not changed. GMAT test takers will receive a single score on the Analytical Writing section. The Integrated Reasoning and Analytical Writing scores will not be provided on the unofficial score report that test takers receive on test day. Test takers will receive their official score, including the Integrated Reasoning and Analytical Writing Assessment score approximately 20 days after their test date.

The Integrated Reasoning Section is scored on a scale from 1 to 8.

What is tested on the new Integrated Reasoning section?

The Integrated Reasoning was developed to test one's ability to analyze data for a variety of sources. Four new question formats have been developed for the test: Table Analysis, Graphics Interpretation, Multi-Source Reasoning, and Two-Part Analysis.

Is the Next Generation GMAT longer?

No. The Next Generation GMAT is the same length as the old GMAT exam. The GMAT will still be a 3 hour and 30 minute exam. 30 minutes will be allotted to complete the Integrated Reasoning section. However, the Analytical Writing Assessment section has been reduced from 60 minutes to 30.

Is the Next Generation GMAT harder?

The Next Generation GMAT will not be harder or easier than the old exam, just different. The Quantitative and Verbal sections of the exam are not changing. The types of prompts for the Analytical Writing section will also remain the same.