



# How to Register & Prepare for the GRE

(Graduate Record Examination)  
*Revised General Test*

Why Take the GRE General Test? Many universities in the United States require applicants to graduate programs to take the GRE General Test. Some also require applicants to take GRE Subject Tests. Universities use GRE scores to evaluate an applicant’s readiness for graduate-level work. Applicants come from varying educational backgrounds and countries, and the GRE provides a common measure for comparing their qualifications.

GRE scores may also be used to determine a student’s eligibility for scholarships.

What is the GRE General Test? A revised GRE General Test is being introduced in August 2011. The GRE General Test measures skills that have been identified as critical for success in graduate school in a broad range of fields of study, including business. Only the paper-based format of the GRE General Test is given in Cameroon. The test is offered only three times a year. For test dates, visit <http://www.ets.org/gre>.

Structure of Paper-based GRE Revised General Test

Skills Measured	Number of Questions	Time	Score Scale
Analytical Writing	Section 1 Analyze an Issue Section 2 Analyze an Argument	30 minutes per section	0-6
Verbal Reasoning	Two sections with 25 questions each	35 minutes per section	130-170
Quantitative Reasoning (math)	Two sections with 25 questions each	40 minutes per section	130-170

Total Testing Time = 3 hours and 30 minutes.

How Do You Register? Registration is available online or via mail. **The registration fee is US\$190.** Whether you register online or via mail, you should create a GRE Account online at [www.ets.org/mygre](http://www.ets.org/mygre).

You can register for the GRE tests online at [www.ets.org/mygre](http://www.ets.org/mygre) using a VISA credit or debit card, or e-check (drawn against a U.S. bank account) to pay the registration fee.

If paying the registration fee by Western Union Quick Pay service, international money order, check or ETS voucher, then you must complete the paper-based testing registration form and mail it with your payment to the address listed on the form. Test takers requesting accommodations for disabilities or health-related reasons must complete the paper registration form and mail it with payment. Registration forms are available at the EducationUSA Advising Center in the U.S. Embassy and online at [http://www.ets.org/gre/revised\\_general/about/bulletin](http://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/about/bulletin).

The test centers in Cameroon permit standby testing if sufficient space, test materials and staff are available. To register, you must pay registration fee and any additional fees by check (in U.S. dollars) or credit card.

Tips on Completing the *Create Your GRE Account* online and the Paper Registration Form:

- Required Fields: All fields with an asterisk [\*] must be filled out, or you will not be able to continue completing the form or it will be returned.
- Entering Name: Make sure you enter your name as it appears on the photo ID you will present to enter the test center. If your first (given) name is more than one name, then put a hyphen [-] between the names. Do the same if your last (family/surname) is more than one name. If you do not have a middle name or initial (which many Cameroonians do not), then leave that space blank.
- Primary Phone: Do not include the country code [237].
- Search Service: To receive information about scholarship/fellowship and graduate study opportunities in the U.S., click “yes” to participate in the free Search Service and complete the Background Information section.
- Test Center: The GRE General Test is offered at the **American Language Center in Yaounde, Test Center Code 10689**. The GRE Subject Tests are offered at the American Language Centers in Yaounde and Douala. **ALC Douala’s Test Center Code is 10152**.
- Undergraduate Institution: Leave blank or skip.
- Score Report Recipients: The registration fee includes sending your score report to up to 4 recipients. The recipients must be indicated on the registration form or selected *before* you leave the test center on the test day. You will be required to pay a fee to have scores sent at a later date or to additional recipients.

Where Can You Find Test Preparation Materials? Free and for-pay test preparation materials are available online at [http://www.ets.org/gre/revised\\_general/prepare/](http://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/prepare/), and at the EducationUSA Advising Center. A search on the internet will also provide a list of other websites that offer free and for-pay test preparation materials. **The GRE revised General Test is being introduced on August 1, 2011. Therefore, make sure the preparation materials you are using are for the new version of the general test!!**

To learn more about opportunities to study in the United States, both undergraduate and graduate, contact the EducationUSA Advisor at 2220-1500 ext. 4009 or [YaoundeEDU@state.gov](mailto:YaoundeEDU@state.gov), or visit our website at [http://yaounde.usembassy.gov/educational\\_advising.html](http://yaounde.usembassy.gov/educational_advising.html).