

# SEGAL GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

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## GMAT FAQ

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The GMAT consists of four separately timed sections. Each of the first two sections consists of an analytical writing task; the remaining two sections (Quantitative and Verbal) consist of multiple-choice questions delivered in a computer-adaptive-format (i.e. computer-adaptive-test, hence GMAT CAT). You will have 30 minutes for each of the two analytical writing topics; 75 minutes to answer 37 quantitative questions, 75 minutes to answer 41 verbal questions.

### WHY DO I HAVE TO WRITE THE GMAT?

The GMAT is a standardized test that helps business schools assess the qualifications of applicants and is one predictor of academic performance in an MBA program or other graduate management programs.

### Do I have to know about business?

No, you do not have to know about business. The GMAT evaluates basic verbal, mathematical, writing and problem-solving skills.

### HOW DOES A GMAT CAT WORK?

Each multiple-choice section of the test starts with a question of moderate difficulty. If you answer the first question correctly, the computer will usually give you a harder question. If you answer the first question incorrectly, your next question will be easier. Because the computer scores each question before selecting the next one, you may not skip, return to, or change your responses to previous questions.

This process will continue until you complete the section, at which point the computer will have an accurate assessment of your ability level in that subject area.

### HOW MUCH DOES A GMAT COST?

#### Test Fee:

\$250.00 US worldwide. If you take a GMAT exam in Canada, you do not have to pay the tax.

#### Rescheduling Fee:

\$50.00 US to reschedule the date, time, or location at least 7 calendar days before your scheduled appointment. If you reschedule an exam in Canada, you do not have to pay the tax.

Please note that you will be charged the full registration amount if you reschedule within 7 calendar days of your scheduled appointment.

### WHERE DO I TAKE A GMAT?

#### In British Columbia:

- Pearson Professional Centre  
4190 Lougheed Hwy, Suite 103  
Burnaby, B.C., V5C 6A8
- Nexient Learning  
1803 Douglas Street, Suite 502  
Victoria, B.C.
- University of Victoria  
Campus Services Building, Room 135  
380 Finnerty Road, Victoria, B.C.

### HOW DO I SCHEDULE A TEST APPOINTMENT?

You may register for the test online, by phone, by mail, or by fax. The easiest way to register is by phone with a credit card.

- Telephone (toll-free within the U.S. & Canada only): 1-800-717-GMAT (4628), 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. Central Time
- Telephone: 1-952-681-3680, 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. Central Time

## HOW DO I SUBMIT MY GMAT SCORES TO THE SEGAL GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS?

Remember to provide the GMAT Program Code from the following list. This will ensure we get your GMAT Score Reports.

### SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MBA, Management of Technology  
**6G8-N3-81**

Executive MBA  
**6G8-N3-44**

Master of Financial Risk Management  
**6G8-N3-34**

MBA  
**6G8-N3-47**

Ph.D. Program  
**6G8-N3-56**

## HOW CAN I PREPARE FOR THE GMAT?

Preparation prior to taking the examination is strongly recommended. If you feel you need further preparation or guidance, there are many tools, such as books, courses and software, that can help one practice for the GMAT. Below are some resources that may be helpful if you feel you need extra practice. Please note that the resources are merely some options to prepare and that we do not endorse them as a guaranteed way to do well on the GMAT exam.

### GMAT Preparation Books

Princeton Review

### GMAT Preparation Courses

The Veritas GMAT class ([www.veritasprep.com](http://www.veritasprep.com))

Oxford Seminar ([www.oxfordseminars.ca](http://www.oxfordseminars.ca))

Kaplan ([www.kaplan.com](http://www.kaplan.com))

Princeton Review ([www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com))

### GMAT PREPARATION SOFTWARE

GMAT Prep Test Preparation Software can be downloaded for free when you sign up as a user on [mba.com](http://mba.com). A free CD-ROM version of the GMAT Prep software is also offered to those scheduling their first appointment to take the GMAT exam.

## HOW SOON WILL I GET MY TEST RESULTS?

If you do not cancel your scores, you can get the results of the quantitative and verbal sections immediately after you finish the test. However, the results of the analytical writing assessment will not be readily available. An official score report will be mailed to you and the institutions/programs you designated as your GMAT score recipients (indicated by the Program Code) within 20 days after you take the test.

## CAN I CANCEL MY SCORES?

You may cancel your scores. However, the only opportunity to cancel your scores is at the test center, immediately after you complete the test, BUT BEFORE YOU VIEW YOUR SCORES. You cannot cancel your scores after they are displayed or reported to you.

### If you cancel your scores:

- Your scores cannot be reinstated.
- You will not be eligible for a refund of any test fees.
- The score cancellation will be reported on all future score reports.

## CAN I RETAKE THE TEST?

You may take the GMAT test exam once every 31 calendar days and no more than 5 times in a continuing 12-month period. You must pay the full amount of test fee each time. Please note that if you score 800 on the exam, you will be prohibited from testing for 5 years from your exam date.

## GMAT CUSTOMER SERVICE

Please contact GMAT Customer Service:

- E-mail: [GMATCandidateServicesAmericas@pearson.com](mailto:GMATCandidateServicesAmericas@pearson.com)
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- Fax: 1-952-681-3681

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