



GMAT Exam Online Pretest Checklist

Below is an important list of things to do before the test to help ensure a smooth experience.

Before the exam



Check that your computer meets all system requirements

The [system requirements page](#) outlines computer specifications needed for the exam. We recommend you review this information and follow the steps listed at least one week before your scheduled test day.



Download and install the secure browser

On this [page](#), click the link for your browser type (Windows or Mac), open the zip file (which includes installation instructions), and install.



Plan to have a wired, stable internet connection for the entire exam

Hard wiring your internet connection via an Ethernet cable is a really good idea. Remember, VPN connections are not allowed.



Test your microphone, speakers, and video

Use [this online resource](#) to ensure they're working as they should. Also, be sure to have your power cord plugged in.



Ensure there are no automated processes scheduled to run

Confirm that your system is up to date, no antivirus scans are scheduled, or no other automated processes are planned.



Confirm that your ID meets the GMAT ID Requirements

Review the [GMAT ID Requirements](#) for your location and plan to have the ID you used for registration physically with you on test day.



Check that your physical whiteboard meets the size specifications

Be sure it meets [the requirements](#), including that it can be no larger than 12 inches x 20 inches (30 centimeters x 50 centimeters).

During the exam



Do not read questions out loud or mouth questions to yourself

Remember that while testing you can't speak out loud or move your lips as you read the questions.



Keep others off your internet connection

Ask others in your household to stay off the internet while you test—especially for video streaming and video calls.



Don't look away from the screen for extended time

Try not to look to your left, right, or above your computer screen. Stay focused on the test.



No one else can be in your testing room

Be thoughtful about where you plan to test and when you schedule it for. Communicate with others in your household and put a sign on the door.



Keep the camera on you

Your camera should be firmly positioned on you. Stay in the frame at all times.



No prohibited materials

Remember to review the [list of prohibited materials](#) and make sure they're not within reach and out of view during the testing session.