Which Version of the GMAT Should You Take?

Any GMAT score strengthens your application, but there are two crucial factors to consider when making your decision between the two versions.

Application Deadlines



Exam appointments available through January 31, 2024
Take the current **GMAT Exam** if you are applying for **Round 1 or 2 admissions**.





Exam appointments available starting November 7, 2023

Take the **GMAT Focus Edition** if you are applying for **Round 2 or 3 admissions**.

Test-Taking Experience

Take the GMAT Exam if you:

- Prefer more opportunities to take breaks.
- Need to highlight your analytical writing skills.
- Have already prepped considerably for the current GMAT Exam.
- Prefer your Total Score reflect your quantitative and verbal skills only.
- Would like to attempt the current version before you try the GMAT Focus Edition.

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- Prefer a much shorter exam.
- Want to highlight your data analysis skills.
- Do not need to produce an analytical writing assessment.
- Want the flexibility to change up to 3 responses per section.
- Would like your official score delivered within 3–5 days.





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