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GRE[®] Program Update:
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The GRE[®] General Test

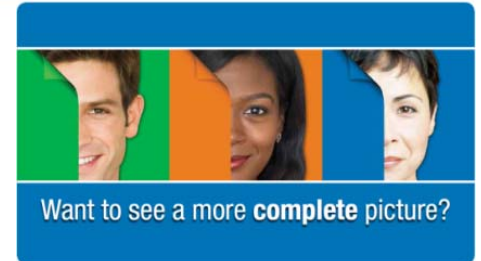
What We Will Cover Today

- Important News
 - ETS® Personal Potential Index (ETS® PPI)
 - GRE® Test Volumes
 - GRE® revised General Test



The ETS® Personal Potential Index

Get a more complete picture of your graduate applicants to find the best candidates for your program

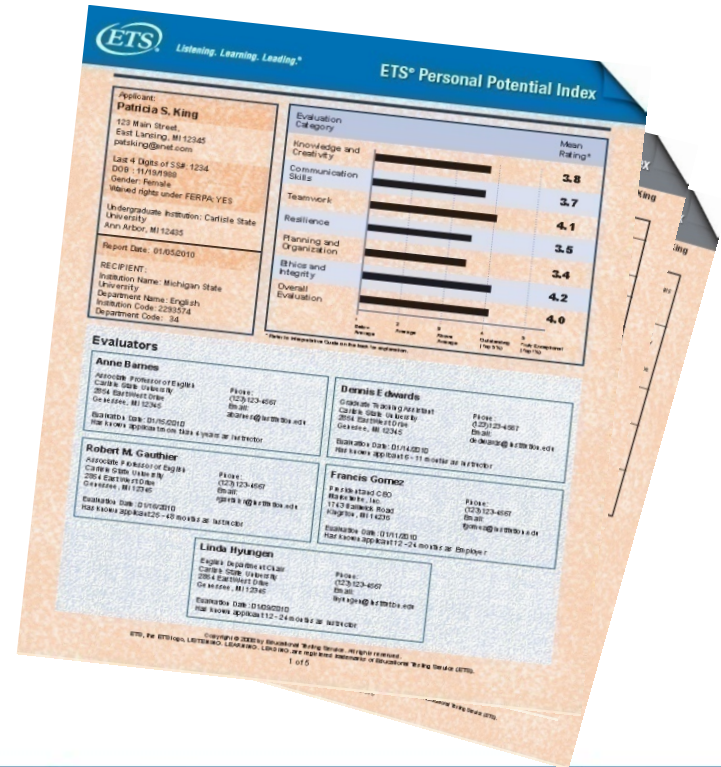


- A convenient and easy-to-use web-based, multi-rater system for evaluating the personal qualities of applicants to graduate or professional school
- An Evaluation Report based on evaluator feedback provides both quantitative and qualitative information about an applicant



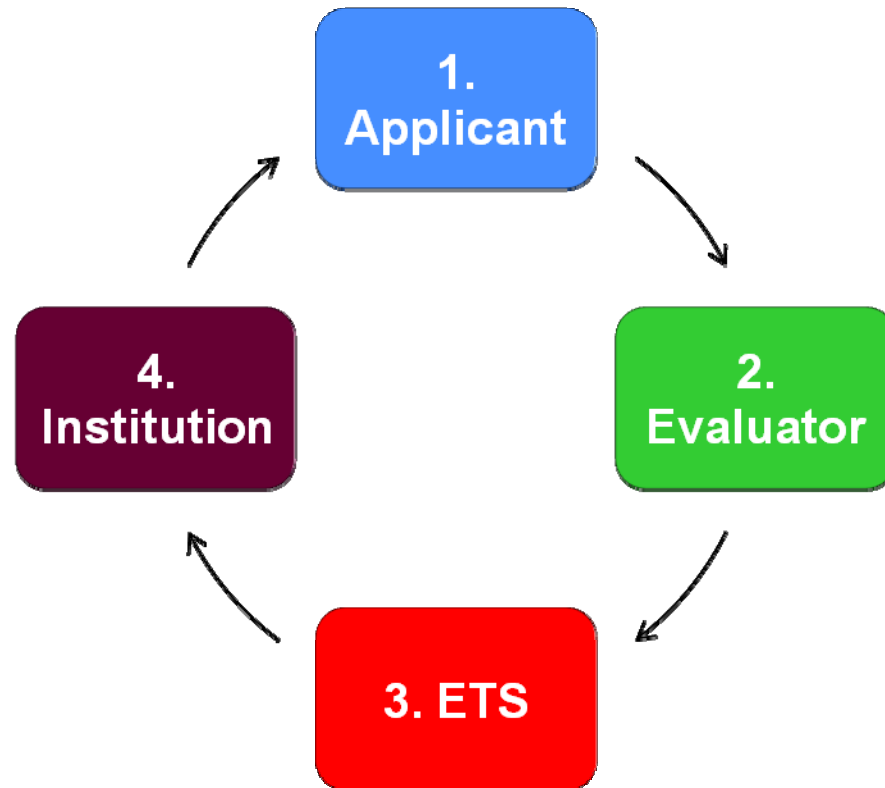
The ETS® PPI Evaluation Report

- Yields an overall evaluation rating of the applicant
- Provides ratings on six dimensions identified as critical for success in graduate and professional school:
 - Knowledge and Creativity
 - Communication Skills
 - Teamwork
 - Resilience
 - Planning and Organization
 - Ethics and Integrity
- All GRE® General Test registrants can send four free ETS® PPI Evaluation Reports



How Does the ETS® PPI Work?

1. Applicant selects evaluators
2. Evaluators rate applicant
3. ETS creates Evaluation Report
4. ETS sends Evaluation Report

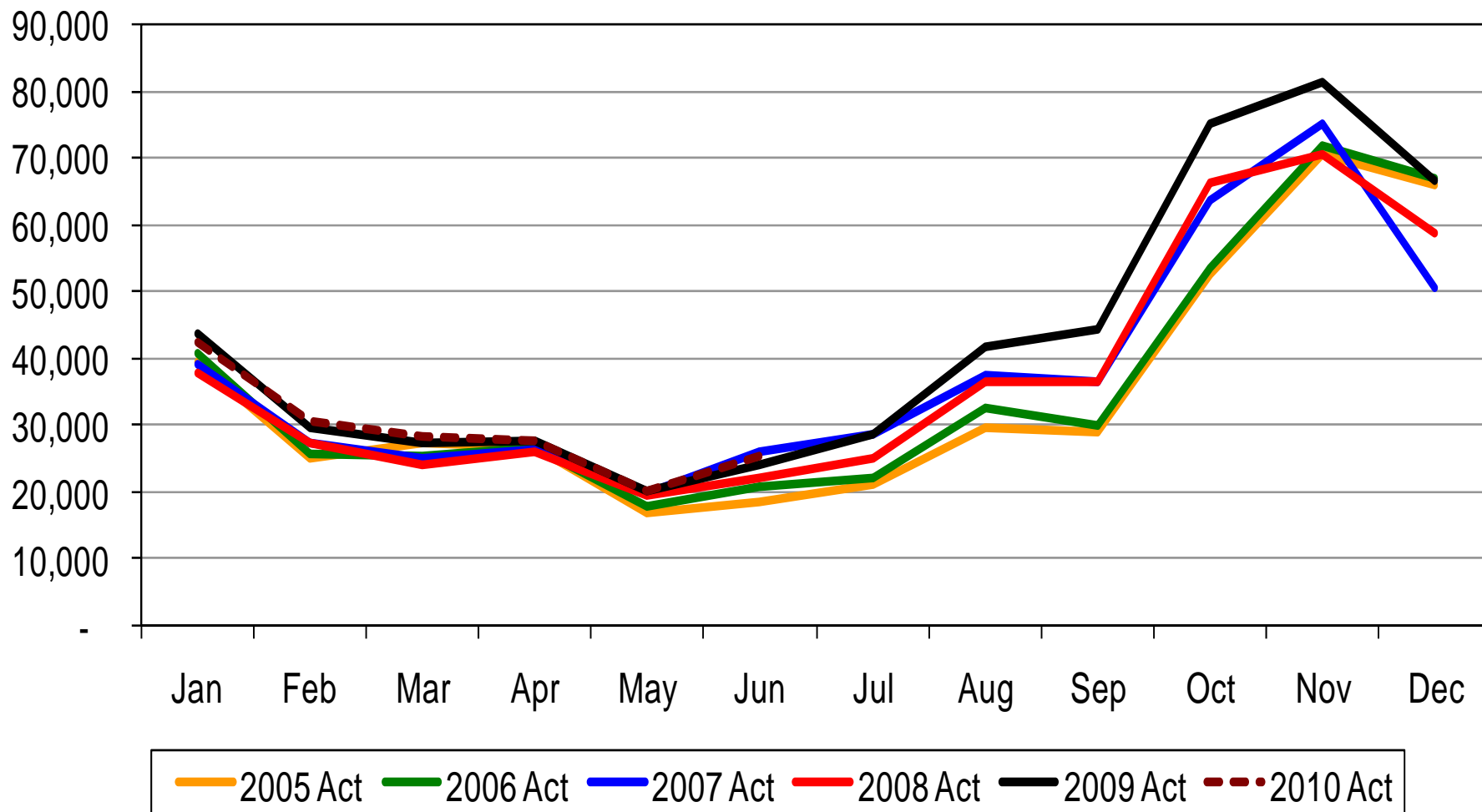


The ETS® PPI Can Help...

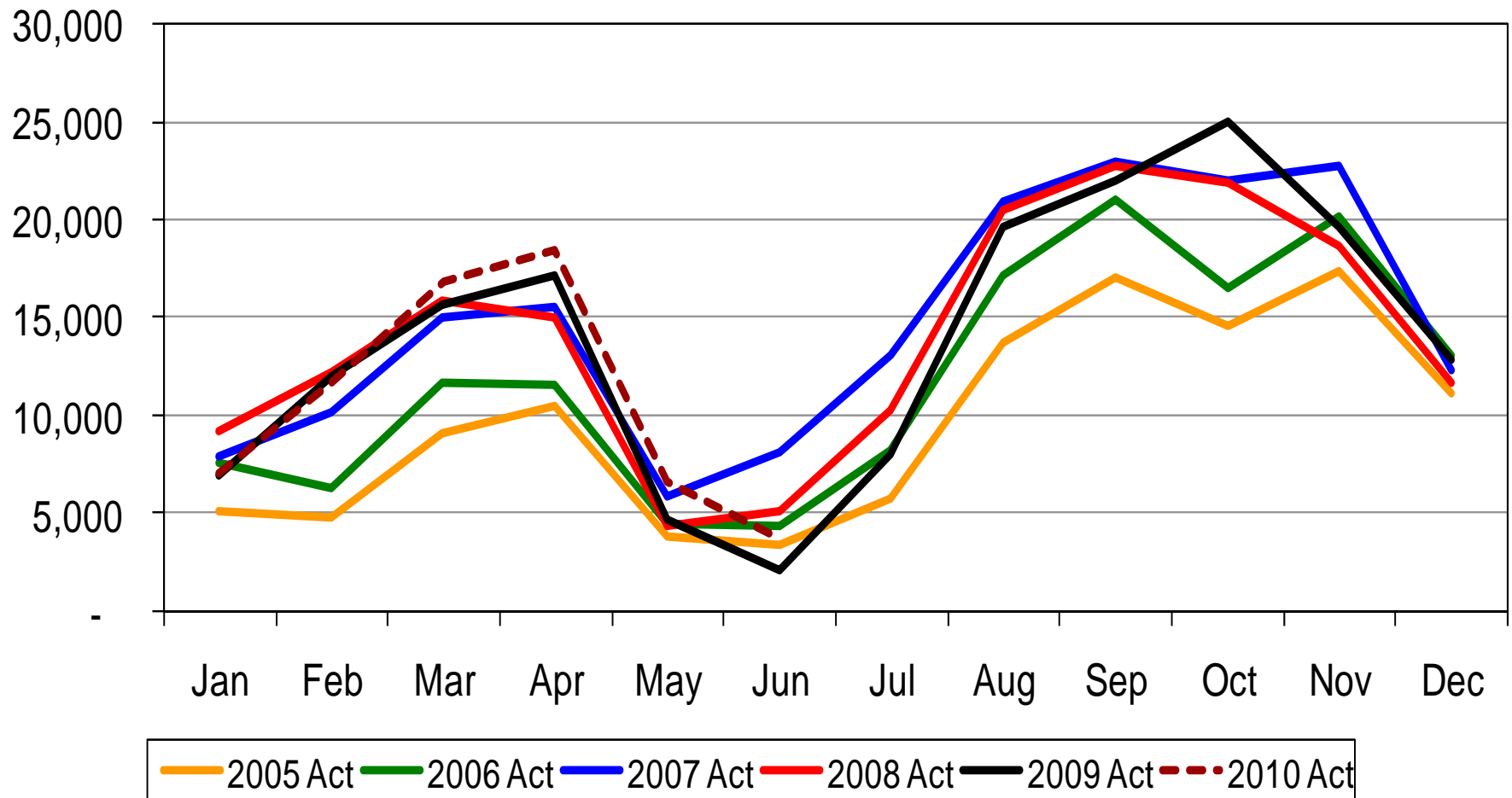
- Graduate and Business Schools:
 - Identify applicants who are more likely to persist and succeed
 - Increase the diversity of graduate programs
- Applicants:
 - Provide evidence of a broader range of capabilities
 - Request and track evaluations easily
- Faculty and Other Evaluators:
 - Consistently evaluate personal qualities that are critical for success in graduate, professional and business school
 - Share feedback quickly and easily with multiple institutions



Domestic GRE Volumes

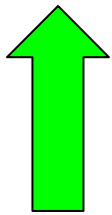


International GRE Volumes

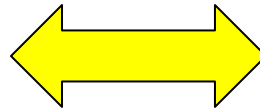
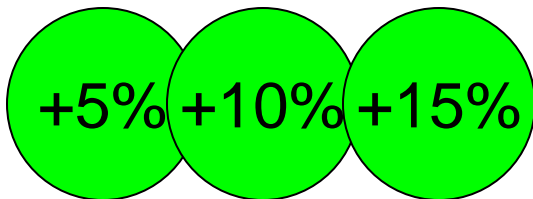


What is your prediction for 2010?

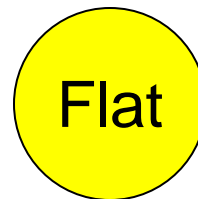
GRE volumes continue to be strong. What is your prediction for the remainder of 2010?



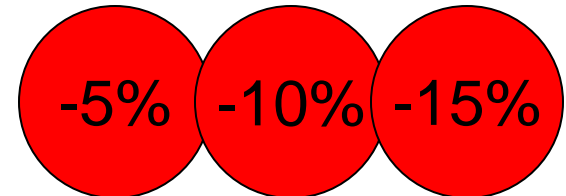
Volumes
continue to rise



No change



Volumes
begin to drop



GRE® revised General Test Is Launching Worldwide in 2011



The first administration will be in August 2011.



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GRE® revised General Test: Better by Design™

Enhanced to provide even better results – with the validity, security and fairness you trust.

Features a new level of sophistication in psychometric design and delivery

- More closely aligned with the skills needed to succeed in graduate school
- More simplicity in distinguishing performance differences between candidates
- More test-taker friendly for an enhanced test experience



Verbal Reasoning Measure

More closely aligned with the type of work students do in graduate school

- An emphasis on complex reasoning skills
 - More text-based materials such as reading passages
 - Less dependence on vocabulary knowledge alone; no antonyms and analogies
- New question types *and* new computer-enabled tasks, such as highlighting a relevant sentence to answer a question



Quantitative Reasoning Measure

Same basic concepts, but more real-life scenarios to better gauge candidates' skills

- Mathematical knowledge expected of test takers remains unchanged
 - basic concepts of arithmetic, algebra, geometry and data analysis
- An emphasis on quantitative reasoning skills
 - Increased proportion of questions involving real-life scenarios and data interpretation
 - An on-screen calculator to reduce the emphasis on computation
- New question types *and* new computer-enabled tasks, such as entering a numerical answer



Analytical Writing Measure

- The Analytical Writing measure will not change dramatically
- Integrates the assessment of critical thinking and analytical writing
- Test takers will be asked to provide **more focused responses** to questions, reducing the possibility of reliance on memorized materials



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More Simplicity in Distinguishing Performance Differences Between Candidates

- The Verbal and Quantitative score scale must change
 - Because there are substantial changes to the test, professional standards (AERA, APA, NCME) require us to change the scale
 - The new score scale provides more simplicity in distinguishing small performance differences between test takers
- Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning scores will be reported on a new score scale of 130 – 170, in 1-point increments
 - Current score scale: 200 – 800, in 10-point increments
- The Analytical Writing scores will continue to be reported on the same 0 – 6 score scale, in half-point increments



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A New Score Report

- Along with introducing the new score scale, there will be a redesigned GRE[®] Score Report, starting in November 2011
- This score report will include concordance information to help you compare candidates who took the GRE General Test before August 2011 with those who take the GRE revised General Test
 - A sample score report is included in your packet
- Information will be included in both the paper reports as well as electronic files through SCORELINK[®] Internet Delivery Service and CD-ROM
- Concordance tables will also be available on the GRE website



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Sample Score Report: Score Information

GENERAL TEST SCORES										
Test Date	Verbal Reasoning*				Quantitative Reasoning*				Analytical Writing	
	Prior Format		Current Format	% Below	Prior Format		Current Format	% Below	Score	% Below
MM/DD/YYYY	Scaled Score	Estimated Current Score	Scaled Score		Scaled Score	Estimated Current Score	Scaled Score			
12/03/2011	---	---	156	89	---	---	157	85	4.5	63
06/01/2009	590	154	---	84	770	158	---	87	4.5	63

NS = No Score (Indicates that no questions were answered in this section)

* The GRE Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning score scales changed in August 2011. For tests taken *beginning* August 2011, scores will be printed in the "Current Format" columns. For tests taken before August 2011, scores on the prior scales and the corresponding estimated scores on the current scales will be printed in the "Prior Format" columns. See the back of this page for more information.

SUBJECT TEST SCORES							
Test Date	Test Name / Subscore Name	Scaled Score	% Below	Test Date	Test Name / Subscore Name	Scaled Score	% Below
MM/DD/YYYY		MM/DD/YYYY					



More Test-Taker Friendly for an Enhanced Test Experience

- Questions are more aligned with the types of work students will do in graduate or business school
 - include more text-based questions and more real-life scenarios
- The test experience is enhanced
 - Test takers can navigate freely within a timed section
 - Test takers can access a test preview/review tool
- A calculator will be provided on the Quantitative Reasoning measure



Important Dates You Need to Know

Month	Milestone
July 2010	Free test preparation is available to test takers
March 15, 2011	Registration for the revised test begins
August 1, 2011	First day of computer-based testing for the revised test
November 2011	Score reporting for the revised test begins

Important Note: Test takers who need their scores before November 2011 must take the GRE® General Test before August 2011. If candidates need their score reports prior to November 2011, they should register for the current test early to get the date and location of their choice. *Early planning is important.*



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What to do now

- If students anywhere in the world need their score reports before November 2011, they must plan ahead
 - Dates vary depending on whether they are taking the computer-based test, paper-based test, or a split-test administration. They should start planning now
- They should check the deadlines of the institutions to which they are applying to know when they need their scores
- Students need to register early for whichever test they plan to take to get the date and location of their preference
- Institutions are encouraged to tell students about this important timeline and post information with your admissions materials on your website



Some important news for test takers

- ETS recently made an important announcement to all test takers worldwide
- Candidates who take the GRE[®] revised General Test between August 1, 2011 and September 30, 2011 can save 50% off their test fee
 - Same great testing experience
 - Score reports will be sent mid-November
 - Registration opens March 15, 2011, so students should register early to get their preferred test date and location during this popular time
 - More details are available at www.ets.org/gre



Need More Information?

To get the most up-to-date information:

- GRE® Tests and Services – Visit www.ets.org/gre/institutions
- GRE® revised General Test – Sign up to receive information directly at www.ets.org/gre/updates or visit www.ets.org/gre/infocenter
- ETS® Personal Potential Index – Visit www.ets.org/ppi

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