

GMAT Superscore Toolkit

Helpful resources to support the adoption of GMAT Superscore into your holistic admissions process.

Questions? Reach out to your GMAC representative

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Overview

Background

The Problem: Score anxiety shrinks your applicant pool

- Qualified candidates hold back applications (or switch tests) because one GMAT sitting didn't go as planned.
- 57% of reportable GMAT scores are never sent to schools.

The Solution: GMAT Superscore

- Candidates who previously withheld scores now have a stronger composite worth sending
- Repeat testing highlights a candidate's determination and resiliency, increasing your confidence in a candidate's potential.

The Trust: Standardized, verified, and automatic

- Consistent methodology across all applicants who have tested more than once.
- Supports holistic review without adding complexity or subjectivity.

A smarter, holistic view of your candidates' potential

Holistic admissions requires holistic data. GMAT Superscore surfaces a candidate's highest sectional performance across all test dates in a single, transparent score – automatically calculated and displayed on every score report. Just a richer, more comprehensive view of what your applicants are capable of.

About GMAT Superscore

What is GMAT Superscore?

- GMAT Superscore is an additional score data point that represents a candidate's best aggregate performance across multiple exam attempts.
- A GMAT Superscore will be automatically calculated from a candidate's highest section scores across all valid GMAT attempts and displayed as an additional data point on GMAT Official Score Reports.

When is it launching?

- GMAT Superscore is launching on August 12, 2026.

Why is this change happening?

- Score anxiety is one of the most significant challenges keeping qualified candidates from sending their scores. GMAT Superscore is designed to change that.
- Research shows that when candidates know that every attempt contributes to their strongest possible aggregate score, they test with more confidence, send scores more willingly, and consider a wider range of programs they feel prepared to apply to.

How will this affect me?

- When receiving and reviewing Official Score Reports from candidates after August 12, 2026, they will include a GMAT Superscore section.

Three areas of impact:

1. Official Score Reports

When receiving and reviewing Official Score Reports from candidates after August 12, 2026, they will include a GMAT Superscore section.

2. Score Reporting Portal

Depending on how you access files, this change may have additional implications for using GMAC's score reporting data files and the Score Reporting Portal (SRP).

3. Admissions Policy

You will need to determine how to leverage GMAT Superscore into your admissions evaluation and applicant-facing guidance.

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Official Score Reports

GMAT Superscore Example (Slide 1/3)

Martha took the GMAT exam three times in Fall 2025. She did not send any scores until her third attempt in June was completed.

On her second attempt Martha improved her Data Insights score, but unfortunately her other two section scores were lower.

On her third attempt, she increased her Total Score, but her Data Insights score was slightly lower than her second attempt, and her Verbal Reasoning score was lower than her first attempt.

1 st Attempt	
Mar 15, 2025 – Test Center	
Verbal	86 / 96%
Quantitative	79 / 57%
Data Insights	76 / 53%
Overall	615 / 76%

2 nd Attempt	
May 1, 2025 – Online	
Verbal	85 / 94% ↓
Quantitative	78 / 50% ↓
Data Insights	81 / 89% ↑
Overall	635 / 82% ↑

3 rd Attempt	
Jun 21, 2025 – Test Center	
Verbal	82 / 74% ↓↓
Quantitative	85 / 88% ↓↑
Data Insights	79 / 76% ↑↓
Overall	645 / 87% ↑↑

GMAT Superscore Example (Slide 2/3)

When Martha decides to send her Official Score Report, her GMAT Superscore will also be sent, which takes her top Section Scores across all three of her exams to calculate a new Total Score.

1 st Attempt		2 nd Attempt		3 rd Attempt		Martha's GMAT Superscore	
Mar 15, 2025 – Test Center		May 1, 2025 – Test Center		Jun 21, 2025 – Test Center		(Best Aggregate Performance)	
Verbal	86 / 96%	Verbal	85 / 94%	Verbal	82 / 74%	Verbal	86 / 96%
Quantitative	79 / 57%	Quantitative	78 / 50%	Quantitative	85 / 88%	Quantitative	85 / 88%
Data Insights	76 / 53%	Data Insights	81 / 89%	Data Insights	79 / 76%	Data Insights	81 / 89%
Overall	615 / 76%	Overall	635 / 82%	Overall	645 / 87%	Overall	685

GMAT Superscore Example (slide 3/3)

A GMAT Superscore is automatically included on Official School Score Reports as an additional data point that schools can leverage for admissions decisions.

- GMAT Superscores provide additional insight into a candidates **best aggregate performance**.
- You will receive **GMAT Superscore as an additional data point** on Official Score Reports.
- There is no percentile associated with a Superscore since it a synthetically calculated score.
- If there is no Superscore available, dynamic text will display to explain why.

Valid Test Taker GMAT™ Superscore				
	Superscore	Quantitative Reasoning	Verbal Reasoning	Data Insights
Score	685	85 / 88%	86 / 96%	81 / 89%
Exam Date	n/a	Jun 21, 2025	Mar 15, 2025	May 1, 2025
Delivery	n/a	Test Center	Test Center	Online

A GMAT Superscore represents the candidate's best aggregate performance across multiple exam attempts and is calculated using the highest section scores from all valid GMAT (Focus Edition) attempts in the past five years. It is provided as an additional data point alongside the candidate's submitted score(s).

Xxxx, Martha

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GMAT Exam

Graduate Management Admission Council™

Official Score Report - School Copy (Confidential)

Issued To: Acme University, Acme Business School : MBA, Full Time

Issued Date: Jan 2, 2026

Test Taker Verified information (Required)

Test Taker Self-Reported Information (Optional)

Name:

Xxxx, Martha

Address:

123 Main Street, New York, New York,
10022, United States

Telephone
Number:

1 555-555-5555

Email Address:

xxxxxx@gmail.com

Date of Birth:

Jan 31, 19xx

Gender:

Female

Country of
Citizenship:

United States

GMAT ID:

1000xxxxxx

Graduation Date:

2025-12-01

Undergrad GPA:

3.25 (4.0 Scale)

Highest Education
Level:

Completed my undergraduate or
university degree

Undergrad
Institution:

Acme University

Undergrad Major:

Other Engineering/Computer
Science

Intended
Graduate Study:

Full-time student

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Valid Test Taker Scores Sent to Program in Past 5 years - GMAT™ Exam (Focus Edition)

Exam Date	APPT ID	Delivery	Total Score	Quantitative Reasoning	Verbal Reasoning	Data Insights
Jun 21, 2025	51xxxxxx	Test Center	645 / 87%	85 / 88%	82 / 74%	79 / 76%
Mar 15, 2025	51xxxxxx	Test Center	615 / 76%	79 / 57%	86 / 96%	76 / 53%

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Updated Official Score Reports

There will be minimal changes to the Official Score Reports you receive from candidates to include the GMAT Superscore data point. The images below depict an Official Score Report PDF with a GMAT Superscore (left) and without a GMAT Superscore (right).

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GMAT Exam

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Official Score Report - School Copy (Confidential)
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Issued Date: Jan 2, 2025

Test Taker Verified Information (Required)

Test Taker Self-Reported Information (Optional)

Name: Xxxx, Martha
Address: 123 Main Street, New York, New York, 10022, United States
Telephone Number: 1 555-555-5555
Email Address: xxxxxx@gmail.com
Date of Birth: Jan 31, 19xx
Gender: Female
Country of Citizenship: United States
GMAT ID: 10000xxxxxx

Graduation Date: 2025-12-01
Undergrad GPA: 3.25 (4.0 Scale)
Highest Education Level: Completed my undergraduate or university degree
Undergrad Institution: Acme University
Undergrad Major: Other Engineering/Computer Science
Intended Graduate Study: Full-time student

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Highest Education Level: Completed my undergraduate or university degree
Undergrad Institution: Acme University
Undergrad Major: Other Engineering/Computer Science
Intended Graduate Study: Full-time student

Valid Test Taker GMAT™ Superscore

This candidate does not have a GMAT Superscore available because they do not have multiple GMAT (Focus Edition) attempts within the past five years that are eligible for calculation of a GMAT Superscore, or they scored the highest across all three sections in a single attempt.

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Top FAQs: Official Score Reports

Can candidates opt out of sending a GMAT Superscore?

Candidates cannot opt out of sending a GMAT Superscore. If a candidate has a GMAT Superscore, it will automatically be included as part of their Official Score Report. If a candidate does not have a GMAT Superscore (because they have only taken the GMAT once), it will be made clear on the Official Score Report.

Will we be able to see all the individual exam scores and test dates that were used to calculate the GMAT Superscore?

It depends. Because GMAT test takers can select which exam scores are sent to programs, it means that not all historical attempts are displayed on the score reports you receive. As a result, if a candidate has an available GMAT Superscore it will be automatically shared on the school score report in addition to the specific exam score(s) the candidate has selected to share.

However, to maintain transparency, GMAT Superscores will include the test delivery method and exam date associated with the appointment ID for each of the highest section scores.

Are there any concerns about the validity of the GMAT now that GMAT Superscore is available?

The GMAT remains a valid and reliable assessment of the skills that matter in graduate management education. GMAT Superscore provides an additional data point that allows schools to consider a candidate's strongest aggregate and section-level performance across eligible GMAT attempts.

Superscoring is also increasingly used in undergraduate and graduate admissions for assessments such as the SAT, ACT, and TOEFL, with emerging research showing that superscores can be predictive of academic success. For example, ACT's 2020 study, [*The Impact of Superscoring on the Distribution of ACT Scores*](#), found that ACT Superscores were better at predicting college success than other scoring methods, including most recent ACT scores and average ACT Composite scores.

Following implementation, GMAC psychometricians plan to conduct validity studies in partnership with schools to evaluate GMAT Superscore in the context of graduate management admissions.

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Score Reporting Portal

Score Reporting Portal (SRP) Updates

Scope of changes: New data fields will be added to the GMAT score reporting API, and new columns will be added to the CSV and TXT-format score data files downloadable from the SRP and the GMAC Downloader.

Impact: By August 12, you will need to make an update to your system if you're accessing the data files from the SRP or the GMAC Downloader and are:

- **Importing the CSV or TXT-format file into a system configured by file index or column headings.** If you use a third-party CRM, you will need to communicate these changes to your CRM provider, **or**
- **Retrieving scores via the score reporting API.** When the new data fields are added, a new version of the API will be released. Note: The current API will continue to run in parallel until Friday, October 30, 2026, to give you time to update your software to accommodate the new GMAT Superscore fields.

Files: You can find the update API string names, as well as the new CSV and TXT file layouts here:

- [Superscore API strings](#)
- Data file layouts:
 - [CSV](#)
 - [TXT](#)
- Sample files:
 - [CSV](#)
 - [TXT](#)

*You will **not** need to make any updates if you're downloading PDF-format score files.*

Top FAQs: Score Reporting

Should we expect to receive updated score reports from candidates already in our pipeline?

Yes. With the launch of GMAT Superscore, some candidates who have already tested and are already in your pipeline may choose to send updated GMAT Official Score Reports, especially if their GMAT Superscore better reflects their strongest performance across eligible GMAT attempts.

For candidates who retroactively receive a GMAT Superscore, will they have to pay to send their scores?

Candidates who tested prior to the GMAT Superscore launch and become eligible to receive a GMAT Superscore retroactively as a result of the launch will receive five (5) complimentary score-sending vouchers (valued at \$35 each) so they can share their updated score reports – including GMAT Superscore – with programs at no additional cost. Vouchers are available only to candidates who receive a GMAT Superscore retroactively because of the launch, are valid for a limited time, are non-transferable, and have no cash value. Additional details on eligibility, redemption, and usage terms will be provided when vouchers are distributed.

Is the GMAT score scale changing?

No, the GMAT score scale is not changing. A candidate's GMAT Superscore will be on the same score scale as the GMAT Total Score (205–805) and may be used as an additional data point to consider when making admissions decisions. The GMAT Superscore does not have an associated percentile ranking.

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Admissions Policy

Updating Your Admissions Policy (Slide 1/2)

How can you use GMAT Superscore in admissions?

GMAT Superscore is an additional data point for your consideration in making admissions decisions — a way of assessing a candidate's competitiveness, determination, and academic readiness across multiple sittings. We recommend exploring how it fits your school's unique evaluation process and needs.

Some examples of how a Superscore may be used in admissions decisions include:

- Evaluating a candidate's best performance on specific sections across multiple attempts,
- Considering the dedication and stamina necessary to retest/prep for multiple attempts,
- Providing context for future admission and waitlist considerations, or
- Accessing an additional piece of information to support scholarship decisions.

Updating Your Admissions Policy (Slide 2/2)

We recommend adding a brief statement to your application page so that candidates know what to expect. Depending on where your program is in its evaluation of GMAT Superscore, we've provided three options below.

If your program has decided to incorporate GMAT Superscore into admissions decisions:

"[Program Name] considers GMAT Superscore as part of our holistic admissions process. This additional data point reflects a candidate's best aggregate performance across all valid GMAT attempts."

If your program is still evaluating how it will leverage GMAT Superscore:

"GMAT Superscore will appear as an additional data point on all GMAT Official Score Reports sent to our program. We recognize that candidates cannot opt out of this, and we are currently evaluating how GMAT Superscore will be incorporated into our admissions process. We will update this page as our policy is finalized."

If your program will not be incorporating GMAT Superscore for the current admissions cycle:

"GMAT Superscore will appear as an additional data point on GMAT Official Score Reports sent to our program. For the current admissions cycle, our evaluation process will continue to focus on single attempt scores as we evaluate how GMAT Superscore may inform future admissions decisions. Candidates should not be concerned that the presence of a GMAT Superscore will negatively impact their application."

Example:



Do you accept the GMAT Superscore?

Yes, we will consider your GMAT Superscore as part of your application.
We understand that using your strongest score for each section across several tests is still a good representation of your ability.

[Click here to visit page](#)

Top FAQs: Admissions Policy

How can we promote GMAT Superscore in our application process?

Recognizing GMAT Superscore publicly signals to candidates that their full GMAT journey matters, which may increase the confidence of qualified applicants to apply to your program.

A few ways to do this:

- Update your admissions website to note that GMAT Superscore is available and may be considered alongside a candidate's single attempt scores.
- Brief your admissions team so they can speak to GMAT Superscore confidently if candidates ask about it.
- Reference GMAT Superscore in candidate-facing communications — such as application requirement pages or recruitment emails — to signal that multiple attempts are not discouraged (and often valued since they demonstrate commitment and determination) and that candidates' best aggregate performance will be seen and may be taken into consideration (if accurate).

Helpful Links & Contact Information

For schools:

- [GMAT Superscore FAQs for Schools](#)
- [Access GMAT Scores \(Score Reporting Portal\)](#)
- [Understanding GMAT Scores](#)
- [GME Admissions Reporting Standards](#)

For candidates:

- [GMAT Superscore FAQs](#)
- [Understanding GMAT Scores](#)

If you have questions about...	Contact...
How GMAT Superscore works	Your GMAC representative
How to read Official Score Reports	Your GMAC representative
Score reporting updates	gmatprogram@gmac.com
Who your market development manager is	customercare@gmac.com