

## **GMAT AND PREPARATION CLASSES**

### **Have the experience but no qualification? OR Only have certificate or diploma level qualifications?**

At GIBS we understand that not all applicants had the opportunity to pursue tertiary education or they only have diploma or certificate level programmes as their highest qualification. This should not be a deterrent and we recognise that you are capable to add value and personal learnings and knowledge to our classrooms due to gaining the necessary work and management experience. The Council on Higher Education allows for 10% of any specific cohort to be admitted through an Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) process which requires a cognate level 7 or 8 (depending on the programme). The GMAT is a compulsory assessment to be written for non-degreed applicants.

### **What is the GMAT?**

The GMAT (Graduate Management Admission Test) is an internationally recognised test designed to help graduate business schools assess the academic ability of those who seek admission to study for an MBA. Almost 1 800 graduate management programmes around the world use GMAT scores as part of their selection procedure. The Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) is an American designed computerised examination that combines essay and multiple-choice formats. Decades of research confirm that the GMAT exam is a valid and reliable predictor of your academic performance in today's graduate management programs.

The GMAT is not a general knowledge test. It is an exam designed to measure your ability to think logically and employ a range of intellectual skills. Extensive preparation is required. Candidates are assessed in two broad areas: quantitative and verbal skills. The quantitative section includes problem-solving, basic algebra and geometry. Verbal reasoning includes reading comprehension, critical reasoning and sentence correction. Candidates can prepare for the GMAT by purchasing books and/or taking preparatory classes.

### **How to prepare for the GMAT?**

GIBS does not administer the GMAT assessment, however Coefficient Solutions an external service provider offers GMAT preparation courses at the GIBS campus to assist applicants to prepare sufficiently and timeously for the GMAT assessment.

Applicants are taught techniques, strategies and approaches, and extensive practice is required. Most GMAT test-takers start preparing about 3 to 6 months before the actual test date

The GMAT Essential course at GIBS run for over 50 hours of class time. A Maths foundation course and an Advanced GMAT course are also available.

**Contact details for the GMAT preparation courses:**

Company name: Coefficient Solutions  
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Alternatively, please visit [www.admissionsafrica.com](http://www.admissionsafrica.com) and [www.mba.com](http://www.mba.com) for additional information.

**NB:** Please note that a minimum score of 550 is required for your application to be considered at GIBS.

**Important Considerations:**

- Register early for preparation classes, to obtain a suitable test date.
- Start preparing and practicing at least 2- 3months prior to your test date.

**IMPORTANT: The deadlines to submit GMAT scores are in line with the application closing dates follows:**

- PGDip General Management – 30 September 2021
- PDBA Part Time – 30 September 2021
- PGDip Manufacturing Focus – 27 November 2021
- MPhil – 24 March 2022

**GMAT testing venue:**

Company name: Pearson Professional Centers-Johannesburg PearsonVUE  
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