

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. GIBS occasionally accepts non-degreed students and to align with the current RPL (Recognition of Prior Learning) policy which requires a cognate level 8 ability for all non-degreed students, the GMAT Assessment is a compulsory assessment to be written.

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.

Most GMAT test-takers start preparing about 3 to 6 months before the actual test date. A minimum score of 550 (out of 800) must be obtained for your application to be considered at GIBS.

GIBS does not administer the GMAT test, however, a service provider does offer GMAT Preparation Courses held at the GIBS campus.

GIBS has partnered with facilitators from Coefficient Solutions to assist applicants to prepare sufficiently and timeously for the GMAT assessment. Applicants are taught techniques, strategies and approaches, and extensive practice is required.

The GMAT Essential classes at GIBS run for over 50 hours of class time. A Maths foundations for the GMAT course and an Advanced course are also available. For more details and to register for any of the courses please contact: Shimon Goldchmit on 082 336 3217 or at gmat@coefficientsolutions.net. Alternatively, please visit www.coefficientsolutions.co.za and www.mba.com for additional information.

Important Considerations

- Register early to obtain a suitable test date.
- Start preparing and practicing at least 2- 3months prior to your test date.
- **IMPORTANT: The deadline to submit GMAT scores would be the same as the closing date for the programme of your choice**