



# Standardized Testing: An Overview

Test	Overview of the Test	Test Center	Availability	Notes
SAT	<a href="http://www.collegeboard.com">www.collegeboard.com</a> for more information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3-hour and 45-minute test composed of three sections: Critical Reading, Math, and Writing</li> <li>• Each section is scored on a scale of 200–800; highest total possible score of 2400</li> <li>• Required for undergraduate admission to most universities; some are test-optional</li> <li>• See <a href="http://www.fairtest.org">www.fairtest.org</a> for a list of schools that do not require SAT</li> </ul>	American Language Center <i>Yaoundé</i>	6x/year See <a href="http://www.collegeboard.com">www.collegeboard.com</a> for dates and deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No online registration</li> <li>• No credit card payments allowed</li> </ul>
		American Language Center <i>Douala</i>	4x/year See <a href="http://www.collegeboard.com">www.collegeboard.com</a> for dates and deadlines	
SAT Subject Tests	<a href="http://www.collegeboard.com">www.collegeboard.com</a> for more information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1-hour, subject-specific, multiple-choice tests in Biology (Ecological and Molecular), Chemistry, foreign languages, Literature, Math (Level 1 and Level 2), Physics, U.S. History, and World History</li> <li>• Scored on a scale of 200–800</li> <li>• 2 (occasionally 3) are required for undergraduate admission to some universities; some schools are SAT test-optional (<a href="http://www.fairtest.org">www.fairtest.org</a>)</li> </ul>	American Language Center <i>Yaoundé</i>	6x/year See <a href="http://www.collegeboard.com">www.collegeboard.com</a> for dates and deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No online registration</li> <li>• No credit card payments allowed</li> </ul>
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ACT	<a href="http://www.actstudent.org">www.actstudent.org</a> for more information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2-hour and 55-minute exam divided into English, Reading, Mathematics, and Science Reasoning sections; an optional Writing section that adds 30 minutes to total test time</li> <li>• Each section is scored on a scale of 1–36; section scores are used to make a composite score, also on a scale of 1–36</li> <li>• Often you can take the ACT instead of the SAT for admission to universities; always check the university's admission requirements</li> </ul>	Rainforest International School <i>Yaoundé</i>	4x/year See <a href="http://www.actstudent.org">www.actstudent.org</a> for dates and deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Private school</li> <li>• Students tend not to take ACT</li> </ul>
Paper-based TOEFL (PBT)	<a href="http://www.ets.org/toefl">www.ets.org/toefl</a> for more information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paper-based test (PBT) measures how well you read, listen, and write in English</li> <li>• Listening comprehension: 30–40 minutes</li> <li>• Structure and written expression: 25 minutes</li> <li>• Reading comprehension: 55 minutes</li> <li>• Writing: 30 minutes</li> <li>• Score is reported on a scale of 310–677</li> <li>• Writing score reported separately on scale of 1–6</li> <li>• PBT or iBT is required for admission for admission to undergraduate and graduate school for non-native English speakers</li> </ul>	American Language Center <i>Yaoundé</i>	Limited offerings; PBT is being phased out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can register online with credit card</li> <li>• Students are encouraged to take the iBT</li> </ul>

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Internet-based TOEFL (iBT)	<a href="http://www.ets.org/toefl">www.ets.org/toefl</a> for more information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internet-based test (iBT) measures skills in reading, listening, speaking, and writing in English and requires you to combine 2 or more of these skills to respond to questions</li> <li>• Reading: 60–100 minutes</li> <li>• Listening: 60–90 minutes</li> <li>• Speaking: 20 minutes</li> <li>• Writing: 50 minutes</li> <li>• Score is reported on a scale of 0–120</li> <li>• PBT or iBT is required for admission to undergraduate and graduate school for non-native English speakers</li> </ul>	American Language Center <i>Douala</i>	Repeatedly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can register online with credit card</li> </ul>
		American Language Center <i>Yaoundé</i>	Repeatedly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can register online with credit card</li> </ul>
Paper-based GRE General Test	<a href="http://www.ets.org/gre">www.ets.org/gre</a> for more information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3-hour and 45 minute test composed of Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning, and Analytical Writing sections</li> <li>• Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning scores reported on a scale of 200–800</li> <li>• Analytical Writing scores are reported on a scale of 0–6</li> <li>• May be required for admission to graduate school; check the university's admission requirements</li> </ul>	American Language Center <i>Yaoundé</i>	2x/year See <a href="http://www.ets.org/gre">www.ets.org/gre</a> for dates and deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only paper-based is available in Cameroon</li> <li>• Students may register online</li> <li>• VISA credit card only</li> </ul>
Paper-based GRE Subject Test	<a href="http://www.ets.org/gre">www.ets.org/gre</a> for more information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual tests available in Biochemistry, Cell and Molecular Biology; Biology; Computer Science; Literature in English; Mathematics; Physics; and Psychology</li> <li>• Scores are reported on a scale of 200–990</li> <li>• May be required for admission to graduate school; check the university's admission requirements</li> </ul>	American Language Center <i>Yaoundé</i>	3x/year See <a href="http://www.ets.org/gre">www.ets.org/gre</a> for dates and deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only paper-based is available in Cameroon</li> <li>• Students may register online</li> <li>• VISA credit card only</li> </ul>
		American Language Center <i>Douala</i>	1x/year See <a href="http://www.ets.org/gre">www.ets.org/gre</a> for date and deadline	
GMAT	<a href="http://www.mba.com">www.mba.com</a> for more information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measures basic verbal, mathematical, and analytical writing skills you have developed in your education and work</li> <li>• Composed of an Analytical Writing Assessment, Quantitative Section, and Verbal Section</li> <li>• Analytical Writing Assessment: 60 minutes</li> <li>• Quantitative Section: 75 minutes</li> <li>• Verbal Section: 75 minutes</li> <li>• Total scores are reported on a scale of 200–800</li> <li>• May be required for admission to business school; check the university's admission requirements</li> </ul>	Microlog <i>Yaoundé</i>	Repeatedly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Computer-based</li> <li>• Students may register online and pay with credit card</li> </ul>

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