



Standardized Testing: An Overview

Test	Overview of the Test	Test Center	Availability	Notes
SAT	www.collegeboard.com for more information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-hour and 45-minute test composed of three sections: Critical Reading, Math, and Writing • Each section is scored on a scale of 200–800; highest total possible score of 2400 • Required for undergraduate admission to most universities; some are test-optional • See www.fairtest.org for a list of schools that do not require SAT 	American Language Center <i>Yaoundé</i>	6x/year See www.collegeboard.com for dates and deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No online registration • No credit card payments allowed
		American Language Center <i>Douala</i>	4x/year See www.collegeboard.com for dates and deadlines	
SAT Subject Tests	www.collegeboard.com for more information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • Scored on a scale of 200–800 • 2 (occasionally 3) are required for undergraduate admission to most universities; some schools are test-optional 	American Language Center <i>Yaoundé</i>	6x/year See www.collegeboard.com for dates and deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No online registration • No credit card payments allowed
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ACT	www.actstudent.org for more information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • 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 • You can take the ACT instead of the SAT for admission to most universities; always check the university's admission requirements 	Rainforest International School <i>Yaoundé</i>	4x/year See www.actstudent.org for dates and deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private school • Students tend not to take ACT
Paper based TOEFL (PBT)	www.ets.org/toefl for more information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper-based test (PBT) measures how well you read, listen, and write in English • Listening comprehension: 30–40 minutes • Structure and written expression: 25 minutes • Reading comprehension: 55 minutes • Writing: 30 minutes • Score is reported on a scale of 310–677 • Writing score reported separately on scale of 1–6 • PBT or iBT is required for admission for admission to undergraduate and graduate school for non-native English speakers 	American Language Center <i>Yaoundé</i>	Repeatedly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PBT only • Can register online with credit card

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Internet based TOEFL (iBT)	www.ets.org/toefl for more information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • Reading: 60–100 minutes • Listening: 60–90 minutes • Speaking: 20 minutes • Writing: 50 minutes • Score is reported on a scale of 0–120 • PBT or iBT is required for admission to undergraduate and graduate school for non-native English speakers 	American Language Center <i>Douala</i>	Repeatedly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • iBT only • Can register online with credit card
		Mercan Capital** <i>Yaoundé</i>	Repeatedly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • iBT only • Can register online with credit card • **As of November 2008, the Educational Advising Center DOES NOT RECOMMEND that students take the iBT at Mercan Capital due to poor testing conditions
Paper-based GRE General Test	www.ets.org/gre for more information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-hour and 45 minute test composed of Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning, and Analytical Writing sections • Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning scores reported on a scale of 200–800 • Analytical Writing scores are reported on a scale of 0–6 • May be required for admission to graduate school; check the university's admission requirements 	American Language Center <i>Yaoundé</i>	2x/year See www.ets.org/gre for dates and deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only paper-based is available in Cameroon • Students may register online • VISA credit card only
Paper-based GRE Subject Test	www.ets.org/gre for more information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual tests available in Biochemistry, Cell and Molecular Biology; Biology; Computer Science; Literature in English; Mathematics; Physics; and Psychology • Scores are reported on a scale of 200–990 • May be required for admission to graduate school; check the university's admission requirements 	American Language Center <i>Yaoundé</i>	3x/year See www.ets.org/gre for dates and deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only paper-based is available in Cameroon • Students may register online • VISA credit card only
		American Language Center <i>Douala</i>	1x/year See www.ets.org/gre for dates and deadlines	
GMAT	www.mba.com for more information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measures basic verbal, mathematical, and analytical writing skills you have developed in your education and work • Composed of an Analytical Writing Assessment, Quantitative Section, and Verbal Section • Analytical Writing Assessment: 60 minutes • Quantitative Section: 75 minutes • Verbal Section: 75 minutes • Total scores are reported on a scale of 200–800 • May be required for admission to business school; check the university's admission requirements 	Microlog <i>Yaoundé</i>	Repeatedly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer-based • Students may register online and pay with credit card