JD NEXT
LAW SCHOOL ADMISSIONS ASSESSMENT

Law school admissions exam options at a glance

LSAT, GRE, and JD-Next compared on published format, scoring, validity, and cost

JD-Next® is an 8-week online program that culminates in a law school admissions assessment. Use it as a skills-based alternative to the LSAT® or GRE® where accepted, or as an optional addendum that demonstrates readiness for the 1L classroom. JD-Next is not test prep. Each school sets its own exam policy, so confirm accepted exams on its admissions page.

	LSAT	GRE	JD-Next
What it is	Standardized law school admission test administered by the Law School Admission Council (LSAC)[1,3]	Standardized graduate and professional school exam administered by ETS[5]	8-week online program that culminates in a law school admissions assessment[7]
Content and format	Multiple-choice Logical Reasoning and Reading Comprehension sections, plus an unscored Argumentative Writing essay[2]	Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning, and Analytical Writing measures[5]	8-week course focused on legal analysis and skills development, culminating in an assessment exam consisting of multiple-choice questions and one ungraded essay[7]
Score scale	120 to 180[3]	Verbal and Quantitative Reasoning 130 to 170 each; Analytical Writing 0 to 6[5]	400 to 1,000, with percentile ranking[7]
Score validity	Valid for five testing years after the year earned (testing years run July to June)[3]	Valid for five years from the test date[6]	Valid for five years[7]
How law schools use it	Accepted by U.S. law schools[3]	Accepted by many law schools; policies vary by school[5]	**Alternative:** Accepted in lieu of the LSAT at law schools that accept JD-Next; policies vary. **Addendum:** Adds to an application that includes another admissions test score.[7,8]
Registration fee	$253 for the August 2026 to June 2027 testing year; includes Argumentative Writing[1]	$249 (U.S., effective August 1, 2026)[4]	$399 Early, $459 Standard, $499 Late Registration; includes the 8-week program, course materials, the assessment, and three score reports[7]
Added application costs	Credential Assembly Service $219; law school report $45 per school[1]	Four score recipients included; additional reports $40 per recipient[4,6]	Three score reports included; additional reports $30 each[7]

Sources and notes Superscript numbers match the references below.

[1] LSAC, "LSAT & CAS Fees," lsac.org/fees (August 2026 to June 2027 testing year).
[2] LSAC, LSAT format and Argumentative Writing, lsac.org/lsat.
[3] LSAC, "LSAT Scoring," lsac.org/lsat/lsat-scoring.
[4] ETS, "GRE General Test Fees," ets.org/gre/test-takers/general-test/register/fees.html (effective August 1, 2026).
[5] ETS, Interpreting Your GRE Scores, 2026-27, ets.org/pdfs/gre/interpreting-gre-scores.pdf
[6] ETS, "Sending Your GRE General Test Scores," ets.org/gre/test-takers/general-test/scores/send-scores.html.
[7] JD-Next, jdnext.org: Admissions Test; Test Format and Scoring; 2026 and 2027 Course Dates and Pricing.
[8] JD-Next, Variance Schools list, jdnext.org.

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