

**New York State Education Department (NYSED)
High School Equivalency (HSE) Office
Age Eligibility for Testing: Commissioners Regulation (CR) 100.7**

Verification of age eligibility to test is required for all applicants under age 19, in accordance with Education Law and NYSED Regulations. Students must have met Maximum Compulsory School Attendance Age (MCSAA) prior to applying to test. MCSAA is reached July 1st of the school year immediately following when a student is legally permitted to withdraw from school (age 16 or 17 depending on the school district).

Age	Requirement
CR 100.7(a)(1)(i) shall be 19 years of age or over, or 18 years of age or older in the case of a student receiving a high school equivalency diploma based on successful completion of the National External Diploma Program; or	
(ii) shall be at least 17 years of age, and:	(a) has not attended a regular, full-time high school program of instruction within the preceding 12 months; or
	(b) shall be a member of a high school who has graduated; or
	(c) has been accepted into the U.S. Armed Forces; or
	(d) has been accepted into college or post-secondary institution; or
	(e) is a resident of a narcotic addiction control center, a rehabilitation facility, county jail, prison, detention center or hospital, or is an adjudicated youth under the direction of a court or a parole, probation or other law enforcement agency and the head of such institution, the court, or the parole officer or probation officer having oversight over such individual, as applicable, certifies that the high school equivalency diploma constitutes an essential element of the rehabilitation program; or
	(f) is enrolled in an alternative high school equivalency preparation program in accordance with subdivision (h) of this section; or
	(g) is home-schooled pursuant to section 100.10 of this Part; or
	((h) is foreign born and never attended K-12 schools in the United States;

(iii) shall be at least 16 years of age and has reached maximum compulsory school attendance age; and	(a) has been accepted into the U.S. Armed Forces; or
	(b) has been accepted into college or post-secondary institution; or
	(c) is enrolled in an alternative high school equivalency preparation program in accordance with subdivision (h) of this section; or
	(d) is home schooled pursuant to section 100.10 of this Part

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