

State Education Department Selects Contractor for the High School Equivalency (HSE) Exam

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) is pleased to announce that it has contracted with GED Testing Service (GEDTS) for the provision of the GED® Test, which will serve as the NYS High School Equivalency (HSE) exam, beginning January 1, 2022.

The GED® Test is a well-recognized test of the academic knowledge and skills needed for college and career readiness as defined by NYSED standards for adult education. The GED is currently used in over 40 states and had served as the NYSED HSE exam from the 1940s – 2013, when the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC Test™) was adopted. The Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) is discontinuing the TASC Test™ effective December 31, 2021. All NYSED official passing subtest scores from the TASC Test™, 2014-2021, and prior GED scores, from 2002, will continue to be applicable toward current High School Equivalency subtest requirements.

The new five-year contract reflects the test development, distribution and scoring of computer-based tests (CBT), and the test development, distribution (printing, shipping, collection) and scoring of paper-based tests (PBT). It is anticipated that the contract will begin no later than January 1, 2022 once it is approved by the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC).

The adoption of GED® Test will require changes in the registration, scheduling, and administration of CBT and PBT, and the processing of exam scores. As soon as the contract is approved, the NYSED HSE Office and GEDTS will post collaboratively produced and recorded sessions, as follows: **1) *Becoming a Computer Based Test Center*; 2) *Becoming a Paper Based Test Center*; 3) *Registration and Scheduling of Test Takers, Including Applying for Accommodations*, and 4) *Changes in the Process for Submitting for Reimbursement*** (this will be an HSE Office WebEx, which does not include GEDTS, and is limited to test centers with a NYSED contract to receive reimbursement for administration of the HSE exam). A live Q and A virtual session will be scheduled as soon as possible after the WebEx sessions have been posted and reviewed by the field. All information and updates will continue to be posted on the NYSED [HSE Office homepage](#), under Announcements.

Thank you.