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Becoming a GED® Computer Based Test Center: For NYSED Approved Test Centers

Presented by NYSED High School (HSE) Equivalency Office
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NYSED Contracting with GED Testing Service (GEDTS) for the HSE Exam

- GED Testing Service (GEDTS) is the new HSE Exam vendor contracted by NYSED to deliver the GED® Test in NYS.
- The GED® Test will replace the TASC Test™ beginning January 1, 2022.
- Announcements were posted on the NYSED HSE homepage re: the change in vendors: <http://www.acces.nysed.gov/hse/high-school-equivalency-hse>
- The GED® Test previously served as the NYS HSE Exam from the 1940s - 2013 and currently serves as the HSE exam in approximately 40 states.
- The Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) provided the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC Test™) in NYS, from 2014 – 2021, but will no longer offer the TASC after 12/31/2021. A recent Announcement was posted on the HSE homepage regarding how to return unused tests to DRC, and that the calculators should be retained at current sites for ongoing use.
- The NYSED HSE Office will continue to grandfather passing GED® subtest scores (since 2002) and TASC Test™ subtest scores (2014-2021), with new passing GED subtest scores.

Will NYSED Rules for Testing Remain the Same?

Yes, all “rules” for testing that are in the NYSED Regulations will remain the same.

- All examinees must be NYS residents for at least 30 days.
- All examinees under age 19 must have met Maximum Compulsory School Attendance Age (MCSAA) and submit documentation of age eligibility.
- Age eligibility documentation will become part of the GED Registration and Scheduling process, and is explained in the WebEx, *Registration and Scheduling of Test Takers, Including Applying for Accommodations*
- Examinees may take each subtest a maximum of 3 times each calendar year.
- Examinees cannot take the same subtest again within 60 days of testing (if failed subtest).
- Also, there will continue to be no cost to the examinee to take the HSE Exam.
- Please note that COVID precautions must continue to be followed (for example, spacing/social distancing during testing, wearing masks, etc.) as delineated by the test center in concert with their parent organization, as per state and local health department guidelines.

How Do TASC Test TM and GED[®] Differ?

- Both exams reflect core academic subject areas equivalent to the content in a high school diploma.
- There are 4 subtests in the GED[®] vs. 5 subtests in TASC.
- The GED[®] subtests are 1) Reasoning Through Language Arts (RLA); 2) Mathematical Reasoning; 3) Science; and 4) Social Studies.
- The RLA replaces the Reading and Writing, which are separate TASC subtests.
- If only the TASC reading or writing was passed, the RLA subtest must be taken.

Information About GED® Subtests

GED® Subtest	Break out by Subpart	Total Time
Reasoning Through Language Arts (RLA)	Section 1: 35 minutes Section 2: 45 minutes – Writing component Break: 10 minutes (computer automatically restarts test after 10 minutes) Section 3: 60 minutes	150 minutes
Mathematical Reasoning	Part 1: Calculator prohibited Part 2: Calculator allowed	120 minutes
Science	One continuous section	90 minutes
Social Studies	One continuous section	70 minutes
Total GED® Test	All four content areas. Please note that a score of 145 or greater is the passing subtest score.	430 minutes (approx. 7 hours and 10 minutes)

Options for Test Centers to Administer CBT

- Computer Based Testing (CBT) will be the primary method for GED® testing. Pearson VUE is the CBT partner of GEDTS.
- Test Centers which will deliver CBT at a primary location must apply to become an Authorized Pearson VUE Test Center (PVTC).

The following options will be fully explained once test centers engage in the PVTC onboarding process:

- A PVTC is an established physical testing site which may also serve as a “parent” for addendum sites.
- A fixed additional site is contractually linked to the parent site. These are current addendum sites, which are linked to, operated by and dependent on its parent PVTC contract.
- This option is used by PVTCs with multiple sites or when a separate entity allows a PVTC to administer tests on its site.
- There is also an option for a mobile additional site, which is laptop-based testing platform linked to, operated by and dependent on a PVTC and its PVTC contract.
- Mobile platforms are used to serve remote communities, testing sites with their own residential populations, and other locations with less frequent testing needs.

Steps to Becoming a Pearson VUE CBT Test Center

- Only approved NYSED HSE test centers may apply to Pearson VUE to administer the GED® with CBT.
- A list of all NYSED test centers and the name and email address of the Test Center Coordinator of Record (TCCR) has been provided to GEDTS and Pearson VUE. This is the NYS test center contact list provided to Pearson VUE. It is imperative that the HSE office be contacted if the test centers are seeking to change their TCCR.
- Test centers must be secure and able to deliver CBT according to minimum technical and facility requirements, which will be delineated by GEDTS in their presentation on becoming a CBT provider.
 - The inspection of the physical testing site will be conducted via digital photo submission.
 - The Pearson VUE technical support team will provide guidance during the validation and approval process.
 - *A Pearson VUE Authorized Test Center Agreement* must be signed. This agreement replaces the Three-Way Agreement which test centers previously signed (DRC/NYSED/Test Center).
- The NYSED HSE Office will re-open the application process for interested entities seeking to become a test center after “onboarding” all NYSED approved test centers interested in becoming a CBT provider for GED. See: [Information for Entities Seeking Approval to Become A Test Center](#)
- The Regional Adult Education Network (RAEN) staff will continue to provide the initial inspection required to approve any new test centers. Only after approval by the HSE Office, may a test center apply to become a GED CBT provider.

What are the Differences in Administering the GED vs. the TASC?

- Approved test center staffing positions are referred to differently by the HSE Office and GEDTS. For example, the HSE Test Center Coordinator of Record = Test Administrator (GEDTS) and Approved Examiners = Proctors (GEDTS).
- Test centers administering CBT will post their availability to test through the Pearson VUE web-based system and examinees will schedule directly.
- The web-based approach will enable test takers to schedule their date and time to test, depending on the availability displayed on the online calendar. When a time slot has been taken, no other testers can sign up for that spot. Schedules will no longer be sent to NYSED HSE Office.
- Also, test takers will “Find a Test Center” through the GEDTS system when they register for a GED account, which they will use to schedule an exam. This information will no longer be posted on the HSE website.
- Upon arriving to take the GED®, CBT test takers must present at least one valid government-issued identification with a signature, such as a driver’s license or passport.
- Digital cameras and digital signature pads are required by GEDTS to support their security mandates, by providing a test taker authentication process. All test centers will be required to purchase a security kit which includes 2 digital cameras and signature pads and costs \$450. The GEDTS training will provide additional details.

What documentation still needs to be submitted to the HSE Office?

- Test centers conducting CBT will prepare a daily roster of GED testers.
- A completed roster will include all candidates that test on a given day listed in alphabetic order by last name
- Completed rosters must be submitted within 5 days of testing through the HSE Test Center Submissions SharePoint
- Please work directly with the HSE Office to transition from submitting documents through digital submissions, via SharePoint.
- Signature cards will no longer be required for CBT examinees.
- There are different requirements for PBT testing and sites reimbursed for administering testing. Please refer to the posted WebEx presentations on *Becoming a Paper Based Test Center* and *Changes in the Process for Submitting for Reimbursement*
- Any questions, please contact hsetc@nysed.gov.

Daily Roster of GED Testers to Submit to NYSED HSE Office
 This form will be posted on the NYSED HSE Website.

<i>HSE Test Reporting Sheet '22</i>					Address any questions to HSETC@NYSED.GOV				
Center Name					DATE OF TEST				Test Center #
Total number of test sessions delivered	RLA	Sci	Soc. St	Math	Administrator				
	0	0	0	0	Email address				
Total number of candidates Tested					0				
#	Examinee(s) (Alphabetic Order by Lname)		GEDTS ID	DOB	Mark 'X' for Subject area(s) administered				Additional Time
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Next Steps and Contacting the NYSED HSE Office

- Review each of the NYSED HSE Office WebEx presentations, and the GEDTS NYS presentations, posted under Announcements, on the HSE website: <http://www.acces.nysed.gov/hse/high-school-equivalency-hse>
- A questionnaire will be posted shortly, also under Announcements, soliciting any questions not addressed by the presentations.
- A live WebEx (recorded) Q&A session will be conducted as soon as possible after receipt of the questionnaires.
- You will have the opportunity to register for the Q&A session through the questionnaire to be posted. If you are unable to attend the Q&A session it will be recorded and posted to the announcements page.
- Test Center Staff: HSETC@nysed.gov
- General Public (students/examinees): HSE@nysed.gov
- HSE Call Center: (518) 474-5906 (Tues. Wed. and Thurs. 10 am – 12 pm)
- Duplicate document requests(Application H): <http://www.acces.nysed.gov/hse/duplicate-diplomas-andor-transcripts>
- R application (Regents-HSE pathway) status or questions: HSERAPP@nysed.gov