

What does "GED®" stand for?

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Can I take the GED® in another language other than English?

Puedo tomar el GED® en otro idioma ademas del Ingles?

Yes, you can take the GED® in Spanish. The Tests are also available in French.

Si, Usted puede tomar el GED® en español. No todos los centros de GED® lo ofrecen en español, llame por favor a la Oficina del Estado para más información. La Oficina del Estado utiliza una línea del idioma para comunicar. Llamada Linda Sozzi at 503-378-4325.

What do I need to do to begin testing?

Please see *where do I go to Test?* Link on GED® homepage.

The Official Testing Center will ask you to:

- Complete an application process including payment of state and local fees (which varies from \$75 to \$150).
- Verify your identity. Valid driver's licenses, valid passports, military IDs, or other forms of government-issued (national or foreign) identification that show name, address, date of birth, signature, and photograph are all acceptable forms of identification.
- Attend an orientation.

When requirements for issuance of a certificate have been met, a GED certificate will be issued by the Oregon Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development.

What are the requirements for taking and passing the GED in Oregon?

To earn a GED® certificate you must:

- Receive a minimum standard score of 410 on each of the five tests, an average passing score on all five tests of 450 or more and a total minimum passing score of 2,250.
- Be a minimum age of 18, or 16 and 17 year olds who meet the following requirements:
 - 16- and 17-year-old examinees who are enrolled in an Oregon School District must be in a district with an approved Oregon GED® Option for Selected Secondary Students plan.
 - 16- and 17-year-old examinees that are not enrolled in an Oregon Option school must be exempted from compulsory attendance by a school district in order to take the GED® Tests.
- Oregon residency is not required.

What are the GED® Test Subjects and how long are the tests?

The GED Test consists of the following five subtests:

- Language Arts/Reading (65 minutes),
- Social Studies (70 minutes),
- Science (80 minutes),
- Language Arts/Writing (2 hours), and
- Mathematics (90 minutes).

The Language Arts/Writing test consists of a multiple choice part and an essay.

The Mathematics test has 2 parts. You may use a calculator provided by the testing center for Part I.

You do not take all 5 subtests at one time. You will schedule a testing session per subject at the testing center.

For more information about the tests go to www.gedtest.org, then click on Information for Test Takers.

What if I don't pass the first time?

GED® Testing Service permits GED® candidates to test up to three times per subtest, per contract year (January 1 to December 31), based on the number of standard forms available each contract year. For instance, if you do not pass a test the first time, you can take it two more times during the calendar year.

If you're having difficulty passing a test, you may take GED® preparation classes at all Oregon community colleges, check out books at the local library, purchase books, or study online. *Please see list of study resources on GED® homepage.*

I started my GED® Testing but I never finished. Are my Scores still good?

The GED® Testing Service introduced the 2002 GED® English Series January 1, 2002. Candidates who tested prior to this date and failed to complete all five tests successfully by December 31, 2001, must retest on the 2002 Series and are required to pay test fees.

If I start the 2002 GED® Tests, how long do I have to complete?

All GED® examinees should be advised that scores earned on the current 2002 4th Edition or previous test editions will not be able to be combined with those earned on the 5th Edition GED® Tests. By January 2014, examinees must have taken and earned minimum scores (410) on all five content area assessments (Language Arts, Reading; Language Arts, Writing; Social Studies; Science; and Mathematics) and earned the minimum total score (2250) on the 4th Edition 2002 GED® Test, or they will need to take the entire 5th Edition (2012) Test battery. For more information, go to www.gedtest.org

What is a "transcript?"

A transcript is a document containing specific information concerning GED® testing. It provides name, social security number, birth date, test site, test date, test description, test form, standard score, total score, average score, and, if appropriate, certificate date of issuance and certificate number assigned.

Why would I need a "transcript?"

College admission, college programs, vocational schools, employers, apprenticeship programs, etc. require proof of high school graduation or equivalent certification. Federal loans require proof of high school diploma or GED®.

How is a duplicate certificate different from a transcript?

A duplicate certificate is the official state document printed on document paper and affixed with the state seal. The upper portion may be cut to wallet size to provide the bearer with portable information of test scores and certificate number and issuance date. The lower part is the actual certificate and is approximately 8-1/2" by 5-3/4" size.

Who do I contact for a copy of my transcript?

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