



Test of General Educational Development (GED® Test)

What is the GED® Test?

The GED® Test includes five testing modules in the areas of writing, social studies, science, reading, and mathematics. Each module requires general knowledge and thinking skills. The GED® Test allows students who have not graduated from high school to earn a GED® credential, which is typically accepted as equal to a high school diploma.

**Are GED® test accommodations available for people who have learning disabilities?
YES!**

Accommodations are available for people who have:

- Learning and other cognitive disabilities;
- Intellectual disabilities;
- Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (AD/HD);
- Physical and chronic health disabilities; and
- Psychological and psychiatric disorders.

Accommodations for the current, paper-based test may include, but are not limited to:

- Audio format
- Braille format
- Large-print format
- Calculator for both math sections
- Use of a talking calculator
- Use of a scribe
- Extended time/supervised extra breaks
- Private room for testing

Important!!! Changes to the GED® Test on January 2, 2014!

In January 2014, the GED® Test will be computer-based (not web-based) instead of the paper/pencil format used now. There will be four modules instead of five: Reasoning through Language Arts, Mathematical Reasoning, Science, and Social Studies. The test is approximately 7 hours, and students will register online to take the tests. There will be same-day scoring on all four parts of the test. The new focus is the ability to apply what you know to critical thinking skills, not just knowing facts and basic skills.

Accommodations will be available for students who are approved based on their disability documentation. Beginning in January 2104, students will apply for accommodations online.

Critical information: If you are taking the GED® Test before January 2014, you must complete all 5 test sections by the end of December 2013. When the test is changed to a computer-based format, those who have not completed or passed all five parts of the current test must start over with the new 2014 test. For more detailed information, please contact your local GED testing center or go to www.gedtestingservice.com. **NOTE: All requests for accommodations for the current GED test must be completed and approved by Nov. 1, 2013.**

There are two score levels for the new GED® Test:

1. The GED® Score is for students at or higher than the minimum needed to show high school level skills and abilities;
2. The GED® Score is for student at or higher than the minimum needed to show career and college readiness (CCR).

How much does it cost to take the GED® Test?

Some states currently do not charge any fee for taking the GED® Test, beginning in January 2014, the base cost for each test in every state will be \$30/test, for a total of \$120 for the full battery of tests. Some states may charge additional fees as well, while other states are looking for ways to offset costs for the students. There is usually no cost for taking GED classes.

Need help asking for GED® Tests accommodations?

If you have a disability documented by a qualified professional, ask your local GED® Testing Center for the form you need to request accommodations for your disability, or download the form you need at <http://www.gedtestingservice.com/accommodations>. Remember, beginning in January 2014, students must apply online for accommodations.

The GED® Testing Center will help you complete the appropriate form, or you can email questions to the GED Testing Service® at accommodations@gedtestingservice.com. Each request is considered on an individual basis. If accommodations are approved, your local GED® examiner will arrange to give you the GED® test with the approved accommodations.

If you think you may have a learning disability, but have never been diagnosed, ask your local adult education program to help you find the right resources and referrals to get an evaluation by a qualified professional.

Adult education programs also have information about testing **accommodations that do not require documentation**, such as earplugs, one test per day, priority seating, large-print test, straightedge, magnifying device, colored transparent overlays, clear transparent overlays, highlighter, and the use of graph paper for working math problems.

For more information about the GED®, call 1-800-62MYGED or visit the website at

www.gedtestingservice.com. To find your local GED® testing center, go to <http://www.gedtestingservice.com/testers/locate-a-testing-center> and enter your zip code in the box.

You can also join the GED® group on

 Facebook or follow them on

 Twitter. The links to both social networks are on the GED website.

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