

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO TEST?

Applicants may apply to the Regional Office of Education in their county of residence (with the exception of Cook County residents, who may apply to the Cook County GED Testing Program) provided they:

- are 17 years of age or older*
- are not a high school graduate or a GED graduate and
- have maintained residence in the State of Illinois for thirty days.

**If an individual is of school age and has been enrolled in a public, private or a home school setting in the last 12 months, he/she must present a withdrawal letter from the last school enrolled in before taking the GED Tests.*

PREPARING FOR THE TESTS

The Illinois Community College Board funds **FREE** GED Tests Preparation classes across Illinois. To find an Adult Education provider near you call:

1-800-321-9511

or go to:

www.iccb.org/aegateway

Illinois Community College Board GED Testing

401 E. Capitol Avenue
Springfield, IL 62701
217-558-5668

www.iccb.org/gedtesting.html

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TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS

If you have a documented disability, you may qualify for accommodations when you take the GED® Tests.

Contact your Regional Office of Education for the proper forms or download them from: www.iccb.org/gedtesting.html

Approved accommodations are provided at no additional charge to the GED test-taker.

RE-EXAMINATION

A test-taker who fails to make the required score on the GED Tests has the option of taking the entire battery or the individual test that he or she has failed.

Each section of the GED Tests requires a \$10.00 retest fee, with the exception of the Language Arts: Writing test, which is \$15.00. No charge will be assessed for re-taking the Constitution Test.

A test-taker may only take any individual test a maximum of 3 times in one calendar year.

TRANSCRIPTS AND CERTIFICATES

Transcripts and replacement certificates may be requested for a fee from the county Regional Office of Education. You may find your Regional Office of Education contact information at: www.iccb.org/gedtesting.html

In Cook County, contact Cook County GED Testing at:

847-328-9795

or

www.cookcountyged.org

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A HISTORY OF GED® TESTING

The General Educational Development (GED) Tests began in 1942 with the development of tests for U.S. Military personnel who had not completed their high school studies. The Tests provided an opportunity to demonstrate that these persons had achieved learning outcomes usually associated with a high school diploma. Because of this program, many persons were able to qualify for jobs and pursue post-secondary education upon discharge from military service.

Today the GED Tests are used in all fifty states, in the U.S. territories and in many Canadian provinces. Over 800,000 adults take the tests annually, with nearly 2/3 qualifying for a credential.

The GED Tests now serves Spanish-speaking and French-speaking candidates as well as those who speak English.

Over the years the GED Tests have provided personal satisfaction as well as professional and academic opportunities for millions of adults who were unable to complete their formal high school studies.

The Illinois Community College Board is proud to be the administrative agency that provides this wonderful opportunity for Illinois residents.

WHERE TO TEST

Individuals register at their local Regional Office of Education in the county in which they reside. Those within Cook County should contact the Cook County GED® Testing Program (847-328-9795).

COST OF THE TESTS

A \$50.00 fee is assessed for testing and issuance of the High School Equivalency Certificate and must be paid at the time of registration.

PASSING SCORE

Examinees must achieve a minimum standard score of 2,250 on the entire test battery (including an average score of 450 for all five tests with a minimum standard score of 410 on each test).

THE CONSTITUTION TEST

In addition to the five GED Tests, Illinois residents are required to pass an examination on the principles of government as outlined in the Declaration of Independence, United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, as well as the proper use and display of the American Flag as provided by Section 27-3 of the School Code of Illinois.

A Constitution Study Guide is available from Curriculum Publications Clearinghouse at Western Illinois University.

They may be contacted at:

800-322-3905

or go to:

www.wiu.edu/cpc

WHAT IS ON THE GED® TESTS?

TEST	FORMAT	QUESTIONS TIME LIMITS
MATH	PART 1 - CALCULATOR	25 PART 1 45 MINUTES
	PART 2 - NO CALCULATOR	25 PART 2 45 MINUTES
SCIENCE	MULTIPLE CHOICE	50 QUESTIONS 80 MINUTES
SOCIAL STUDIES	MULTIPLE CHOICE	50 QUESTIONS 70 MINUTES
LANGUAGE ARTS - READING	MULTIPLE CHOICE	40 QUESTIONS 65 MINUTES
LANGUAGE ARTS - WRITING	PART 1 MULTIPLE CHOICE	50 PART 1 75 MINUTES
	PART 2 ESSAY	PART 2 45 MINUTES