

Illinois Community College Board

**PROPOSED HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY EXAM PRICING CHANGES**

The ICCB staff is requesting the approval of two amendments to the current High School Equivalency (HSE) pricing structure for the Data Recognition Corporation - TASC™ and Educational Testing Services - HiSET®.

Data Recognition Corporation has proposed an amendment to the current MOU for a price increase for the TASC High School Equivalency paper-based exam. This price increase would be effective immediately upon approval by the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB). The proposed price increase for the TASC exam affects only the paper-based test, as the cost of production has increased. A comparison of the current 2020 prices and the proposed price increase is included below:

<b>DRC Proposed 2020 Pricing Changes for TASC™</b>				
<b>Description</b>	<b>2020 (MOU) Prices</b>	<b>Requested Price Increase for 2020</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Total Price Increase</b>
Computer-Based Battery Cost for Illinois	\$104			
<b>Paper-Based Battery Cost for Illinois</b>	\$104	\$115		\$11 per full battery

Given the impact of the COVID-19 virus on the availability of high school equivalency testing at physical testing centers in Illinois, Educational Testing Center has developed an online proctored exam titled- HiSET Exam at Home” and will be available on June 15, 2020. The HiSET Exam at Home will require a different pricing structure than the paper-based and computer-based HiSET exams. The proposed price changes for the HiSET exam affects **only** the new online proctored HiSET Exam at Home. All other pricing structures for the exams will remain the same. A comparison of the proposed price of online HiSET testing to current computer-based and paper-based HiSET testing is included below:

<b>HiSET Proposed 2020 Pricing Changes for HiSET™</b>	
<b>Description</b>	<b>Proposed Pricing Structure</b>
Computer-Based Battery Cost for Illinois	\$93.75
Paper-Based Battery Cost for Illinois	\$115.00
<b>Online (“Exam at Home”) Battery Cost for Illinois</b>	<b>\$141.25</b>

If approved, the pricing structure for the all three HSE exams offered in Illinois will be as follows:

<b>HSE Full Battery Prices Structure for Calendar Year 2020</b>						
	<b>GED®</b>	<b>HiSET® CBT</b>	<b>HiSET® PBT</b>	<b>HiSET® AT HOME</b>	<b>TASC™ CBT</b>	<b>*TASC™ PBT</b>
<b>Total Battery Price</b>	\$120	\$93.75	\$115	\$141.25	\$104	\$115

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June 12, 2020

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

It is recommended that the following motions be adopted:

The Illinois Community College Board hereby approves an \$11.00 increase of the TASC™ paper-based High School Equivalency exam for a total of \$115.00 per battery, effective immediately.

The Illinois Community College Board hereby approves the onboarding of the HISET® Exam At Home in the amount of \$141.25 per battery, effective June 15, 2020.



**Amendment No. 002  
Memorandum of Understanding  
State Of Illinois Community College Board  
And  
Data Recognition Corporation**

This Amendment No. 002 (“Amendment 002”) made effective as of February 3, 2020 (“Effective Date”) by and between Data Recognition Corporation, with an office at 13490 Bass Lake Road, Maple Grove, Minnesota 55311 (“DRC”) and the State of Illinois Community College Board (“ICCB”) with an office at 401 E. Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62701-1711, (DRC and ICCB shall be referred to herein individually each as a “Party” and collectively as “the Parties”).

Whereas, the Parties, entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) effective August 11, 2015 for the administration of TASC Test Assessing Secondary Completion (“TASC Test”) product, (the “Agreement”); and

Now therefore, the Agreement is hereby amended as follows:

1. Section 2. *Term and Termination, A. Agreement Term*, is amended to change the expiration date to December 31, 2020.
2. Exhibit 3: *Examinee Fees*, is deleted in its entirety and replaced with Exhibit 3-1, attached to and made part of this Agreement.
3. Except as otherwise provided in this amendment, the terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain unchanged.

As signified by signatures of authorized representatives of the Parties below, the Parties have caused this Amendment to be effective as of the first date written above.

**Illinois Community College Board**

**Data Recognition Corporation**

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signatory

By *Diane Bierbaum*  
Authorized Signatory

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Print Name and Title

Diane Bierbaum, Dir. Contract Mgmt & Procurement  
Print Name and Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

02-03-2020  
Date

**Exhibit 3-1  
Examinee Fees**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Calendar Year 2020</b>
<b>TASC Paper-based Test</b>	\$75.00/Battery \$15.00/Subtest
<b>TASC Computer-based Test</b>	\$64.00/Battery \$12.80/Subtest
TASC Test takers may be subject to additional state and local fees as determined by the state.	
<b>TASC Test Retakes</b>	See section titled "Subtest Retakes"
<b>Test Center Fee for Initial Subtests and Retake Subtests – to be paid by Examinee</b>	\$8.00/Subtest
<b>TASC Readiness</b>	Pricing may be obtained through DRC Customer Service

TASC Test Fees for all Renewal Terms will be subject to the then current DRC Testing Fee. Pricing is valid on a calendar year basis – January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
EDUCATIONAL TESTING SERVICE  
AND  
ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD**

This FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (“MOU”), dated January 1, 2019, (hereinafter, the “Amendment”) is effective as of June 1, 2020 between Educational Testing Service, a non-profit, non-stock corporation duly organized and validly existing under the Education Law of the State of New York, U.S.A. (“ETS”), and the Illinois Community College Board, located at 401 East Capitol Avenue, Springfield, IL 62701-1711 (“ICCB”). ETS and XX are sometimes referred to herein individually as the “Party” and collectively as the “Parties”.

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, in a Memorandum of Understanding dated January 1, 2019, ICCB approved Educational Testing Service, as a preferred provider of the HiSET® High School Equivalency Test in the State of Illinois;

**WHEREAS**, under the terms of the MOU, the Parties may mutually agree to amend the MOU; and

**Whereas**, the Parties wish to amend the MOU to add Exhibit X EXAM at HOME;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, ETS and ICCB agree as follows:

1. The terms and conditions set forth in the MOU, are incorporated herein by reference. Any capitalized term not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the MOU. In the event of any conflict between the terms and conditions in the MOU and those in this Amendment, the terms and conditions in this Amendment shall prevail.
2. Section 1 Definitions of the MOU is hereby changed to add 1.28, as follows:
  - 1.28 “HiSET® Exam at Home” is set forth in Exhibit 2.
3. The MOU is hereby changed to add Exhibit 2 *HiSET® Exam at Home*, attached hereto.

**[SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW]**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties hereto, being duly authorized, have executed this Amendment in two counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original.

**ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD**

**EDUCATIONAL TESTING SERVICE**

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Signature:

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Signature: David L. Hunt

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Executive Vice President & COO

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT 2**  
**HiSET® EXAM at HOME**

**1. SCOPE OF EXHIBIT**

This Exhibit 2 of the MOU sets forth all terms and conditions specific to the remote proctoring delivery of HiSET exam and is subject to the terms of the MOU.

**2. DEFINITIONS**

“eREG” shall mean ETS’s online Test Registration portal located at <https://hiset.ets.org/>.

“HiSET® Exam at Home” shall mean the remote proctoring version of the CBT HiSET® Exam available for registration beginning on June 15, 2020. Eligible Test Takers will register for each Subtest online through eREG. ETS’s remote proctoring provider will email a link for the Test Taker to schedule the Subtest.

“Test(s)” shall mean each HiSET Exam at Home Subtest.

**3. TERMS**

**3.1** Test Taker Registration. Test Taker will register for the Subtest online through eREG. ETS’s remote proctoring provider will email a link for the Test Taker to schedule the Subtest.

**3.2** Test Center Fee. In addition to the fees set forth in Exhibit 1 of the MOU, Test Takers will pay \$17.50 per Subtest upon HiSET Exam at Home registration instead of the current \$8 Test Center fee to test at a physical location as set forth in Exhibit 1. The fee may be changed at any time at ETS’s sole discretion with written notice to Client and this Exhibit 2, Section 3.2 shall be deemed amended accordingly. Registrations after such fee change shall be subject to the new fee.

**3.3** State Fees. ETS will collect any State fees, if applicable, upon registration for the Test and remand payment to the State according to the MOU.

**3.4** Score Processing Time. Because the Test requires additional scoring measures and review of test response data, ETS will have an additional 5 to 10 business days from the time allowed in the MOU, Section 3.1.m to post Test Taker score reports. ETS will notify the State if additional time beyond this is required.