

High School Equivalency Testing FAQ

Eligibility

What are minimum age requirements?

18 years and older: you may take an HSE exam if you meet the other requirements.

16-17 years old: you may test under certain conditions. You must present official written permission of withdrawal from compulsory attendance from the board of trustees of a school district (or their designee within the school district or at your zoned school), along with signed parental permission, to your local test center in order to be able to take the exam. You may be required to demonstrate proficiency by passing a practice test. Contact your local testing center to verify that all requirements have been met before registering or scheduling an HSE exam.

What kinds of identification are required?

You must present valid photo identification on test day at the state-approved high school equivalency test center. A valid driver's license, passport, military ID, or other form of government issued identification that shows name, address, date of birth, signature and photograph are acceptable forms of identification. Outdated or expired identification will not be accepted.

It is important that the identification match the demographic information provided during test registration. You must be able to prove your personal identification and your Nevada residency.

Must I be a resident of Nevada to take the tests?

Yes. Certificates of High School Equivalency (proof of passing an HSE exam) are only issued to persons who reside in the State of Nevada or who are on active military duty and have attended secondary school in Nevada. Nevada's "Good Neighbor" residency policy for HSE testing allows for testing certain non-residents who live near the border of Nevada in adjacent states when a testing site is not easily accessible to the non-resident.

What are the Nevada residency requirements?

You must be a resident of Nevada to take an HSE exam. There is no minimum residency length requirement. You will be required to show proof of residency prior to testing. See required identification.

I live just across the border in an adjoining state. Can take an HSE exam in Nevada?

Nevada has a "Good Neighbor" policy that allows persons living in a border state to test in Nevada if the Nevada testing center is closer than a testing center in your own state. You must meet the eligibility requirements of your home state and of Nevada. Certain other restrictions may apply, check with the Nevada testing center before registering.

I am currently enrolled in high school. Can I take an HSE exam?

No, you must not be enrolled, nor required to be enrolled in high school to take an HSE exam.

I have a high school diploma from a U.S. school. Can I take an HSE exam?

No, you must be without a high school diploma or high school equivalency certificate to take an HSE exam.

Is a Social Security Number (SSN) required to take an HSE exam?

No, while you may be asked to optionally provide your SSN when you register, it is not required. Please note that many employers, colleges, and other institutions may desire your SSN to appear on your official transcript.

General

How can get approval for a testing accommodation?

While your local testing center may be able to approve some accommodations, most will have to pre-approved by the test publisher before you can schedule testing. Check with your local testing center for further information.

Can an examinee take part of the exam on computer and another part on paper.

Yes, provided there are both computer and paper options available. All subtests must be within the same core exam.

Are there other language versions besides English?

HSE exams are also available in Spanish. Note that you must complete each individual subtest in the same language. You cannot take part of the test in English and another part in Spanish.

Can an examinee take part of an HSE exam in one language and another part in a different language?

No, all subtests must be in the same language.

If I take the tests in Spanish will that be indicated on my Certificate of High School Equivalency?

No, the certificate does not indicate the exam language. However, your official transcript will indicate the exam language.

Do I need to take a practice test before sitting for the actual exam?

Persons that participate in a test readiness program are generally more successful.

Your local test center or educational agency may require you demonstrate readiness prior to actual testing. Check with your local test center before registering.

Can I take any HSE exam on computer or paper?

The GED® test is only available on computer. The HiSET™ and TASC™ tests are available on both paper and computer. Each authorized testing center is required to offer at least one computer-based, and one paper-based HSE exam. Not all options are available at every testing center.

Can scores from different exams be combined?

No, you cannot combine scores from different brands of exams (e.g. TASC™ scores and HiSET™ scores). Nor can you combine scores from different versions of an exam (e.g. GED® 2002 series and the GED® 2014 series exams).

Pricing

How much does it cost to take an HSE exam in Nevada?

GED®

Each subtest is \$23.75. The total price for the GED® exam battery is \$95 (four subtests). Payment is collected by GED Testing Service at time of scheduling.

HiSET™

Each Subtest is \$15.00. The total price for the HiSET exam battery is \$75 (five subtests). Fees must be paid directly to the test center and are due at the time of scheduling.

TASC™

Each Subtest is \$15.80. The total price for the TASC exam battery is \$79 (five subtests). Fees must be paid directly to the test center and are due at the time of scheduling.

Retesting on Failed Subtests

All three HSE exam publishers offer up to two discounted retakes on failed subtests. The discounted retakes apply to the first purchased subtest in a subject area. Test publishers stipulate a time period that the discounted retakes are available, usually 12 months after initial purchase. Discounted retake terms are stipulated by the test publisher. Check with the test publisher for further information.

How can I pay for my HSE exam?

GED®

GED Testing Service can immediately process payments from debit, credit, or gift cards. The online system accepts these forms of payment online and emails the receipt directly to the purchaser. Some local testing centers may have the ability to accept cash or money orders.

HiSET™

All HiSET testing centers accept cash or money orders. Some may accept credit and debit cards. Check with your local testing center for available options.

TASC™

All TASC testing centers accept cash or money orders. Some may accept credit and debit cards. Check with your local testing center for available options.

Are there vouchers available to pay for the cost of the test?

There are many options available for third parties to pay for all or part of an HSE exam. Inquire at your local test center for more information.

Test Administration

Can HSE prep teachers proctor HSE exams?

No, test publishers prohibit HSE preparation teachers from proctoring HSE exams.

Test center staff and teachers must not review test questions or discuss test questions or answers with examinees or amongst themselves.

Can Test Centers add an additional fee to cover credit card processing?

Yes, test centers may add a small additional fee to cover credit card processing.