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Enrollment

Enrollments were conducted on site at an approved GED testing Center.

Enrollment is conducted through a web page and can be completed anywhere.

Cost

In 2013, the fee increased from \$75 to \$150. Rest fee \$30 per retest.

\$30 per test = \$120

Retest fee: first two are discounted in 2014. To receive the discounted fee, you must retest within 12 calendar months of your first attempt. After two retake attempts, you need to wait minimally 60 days before you can retest on the same subject. You will then pay full price for the next test. After that, you can receive two more discounted retakes.

2002 (Paper)

2014 (Computerized)

Five tests vs. Four

Five tests: Total time: 7:05 minutes Four

- Writing (50 questions/ 75 minutes plus essay/ 45 minutes)
- Reading (40 questions/ 65 minutes)
- Math (50 questions/ 90 minutes)
- Science (50 questions/ 80 minutes)
- Social Studies (50 questions/ 70 minutes)

Four content areas: Total time 7:25 minutes

- Reasoning Through Language Arts (RLA) (150 minutes)
 - Section 1 (35 minutes*)
 - Section 2 (45 minutes)
 - Student Break (10 minutes)
 - Section 3 (60 minutes*)
 - *The time allotted for sections 1 and 3 may vary slightly,
- Mathematical Reasoning (115 minutes)

but the total test time will always be 150 minutes.

- Part 1 - (first 5 test questions) calculator not

- allowed - Part 2 - (remaining 41 test
- questions) calculator allowed
- Science (90 minutes)
- Social Studies (90 minutes)
 - Section 1 (65 minutes)
 - Section 2 (25 minutes)

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2014 (Computerized)

Testing Locations (site bound)

Generally full fee was paid to one center and all tests were taken there. If a candidate needed/ wanted to test at another location, they paid a per test fee.

the essay

can make an appointment at any testing center located in the state of Washington.

Once registered for GED testing, a candidate

Generally 24 hours or sooner. Some students

have reported their scores were ready in less

Processing and Feedback Time

Math, reading, Social Studies generally posted within minutes to 24 hours. Writing tests would take between one to two weeks due to

Retest Policy

than an hour.

Two retest per subject per calendar year.

Candidate would have to wait until the next calendar year to retest additional times.

After two retake attempts, you need to wait minimally 60 days before testing on that subject again.

2002 (Paper)	2014 (Computerized)	
Test Score Range		
200 – 800 410 to pass 450 for battery average	Washington test-takers need to score a 150 on each test and 600 on the entire test battery (all four parts combined). •Below Passing: 100-149 •GED® Passing Score: 150-169 •GED® Honors Score: 170-200	
Test Feedback		
Some centers allowed Examiners to interpret GED scores relative to college placement levels based.	Score Reports will include feedback to help failed testers to improve scores.	
Response Format		
Multiple-choice (five answer option), essay, and grid format questions Scratch paper/ pen/ pencil	hot spot (split screen), drag-and-drop, short answer, extended response, fill-in-the-blank, multiple choice (four answer option), cloze (drop-down menu embedded within text), Dry erase board/ Expo marker. Basic computer skills are necessary for testing.	

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2014 (Computerized)

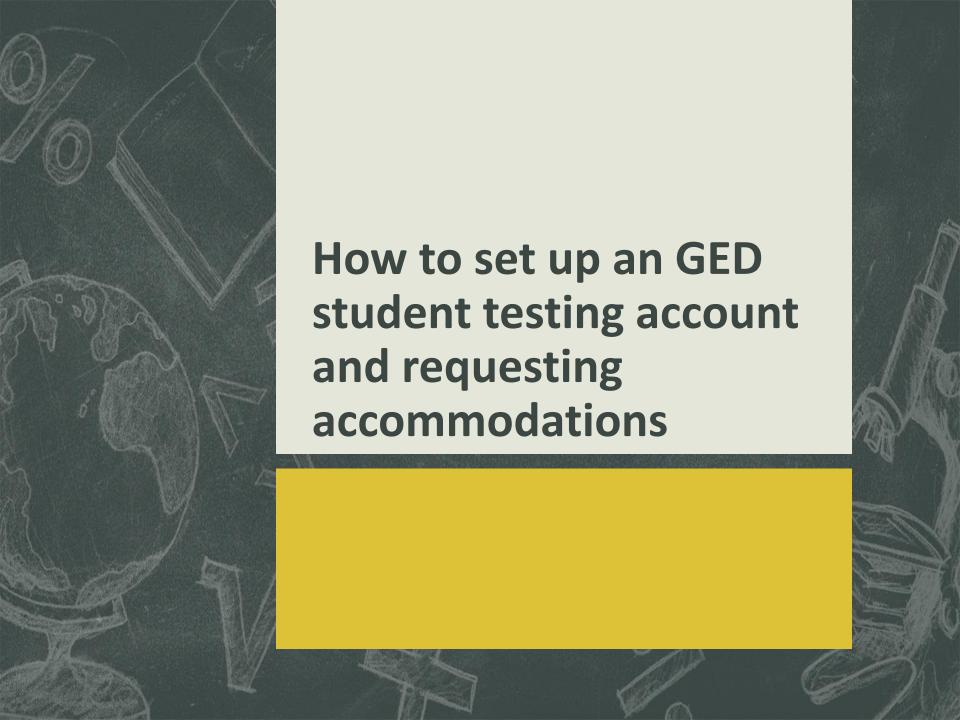
Testing Material

Scratch paper, pencil, pen, Casio FX260 solar

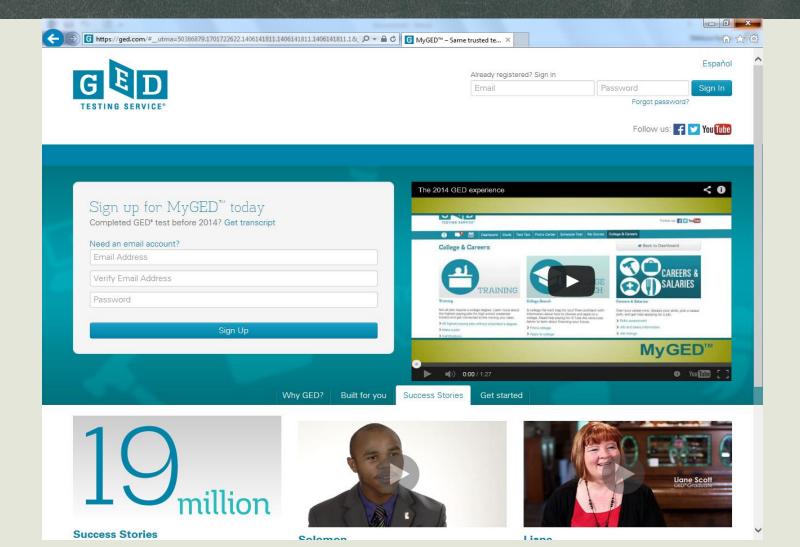
Erasable note board, non-permanent pen, TI-30XS on-screen calculator

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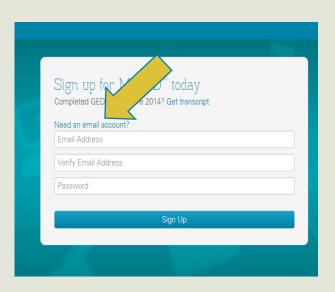
- Student must not be currently enrolled in a high school nor received a High School Diploma.
- Age requirement: Age 16 18 will still need a completed Request for Approval to Test or Notarized Statement/Letter for Home School Students.
- You must present an official valid, government-issued photo ID that verifies name, signature and birth date. Must be a Washington State resident.

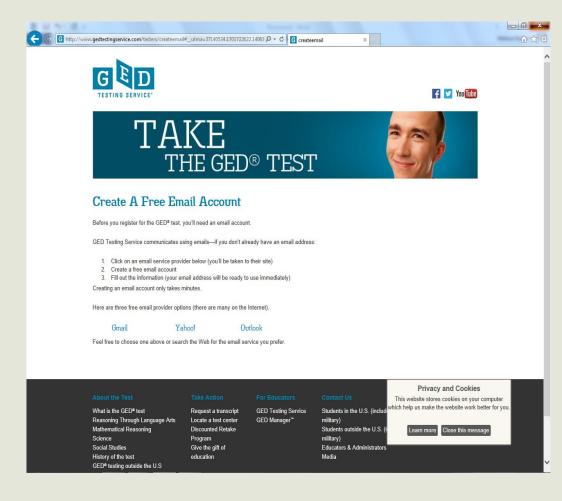


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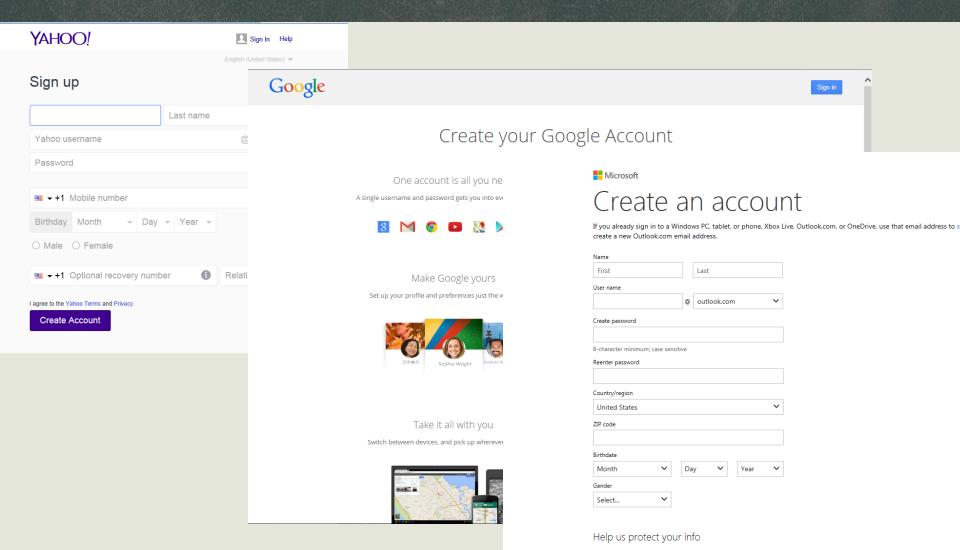


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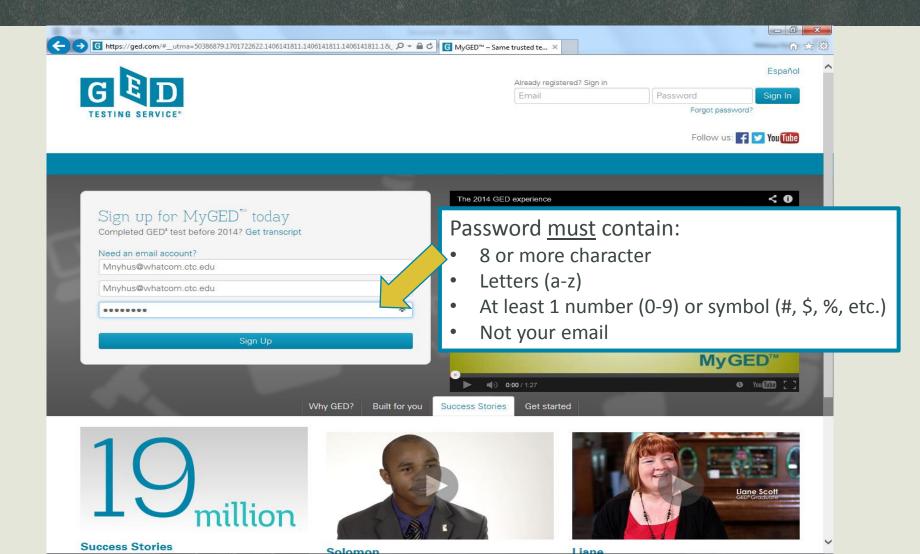




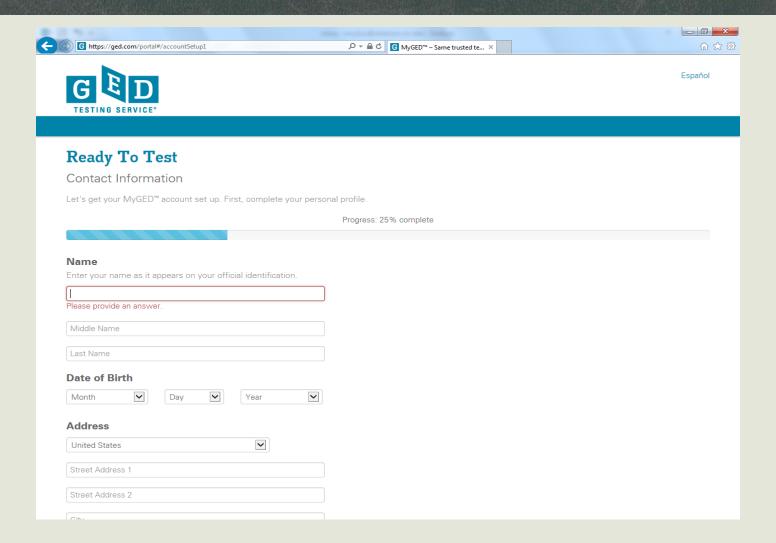
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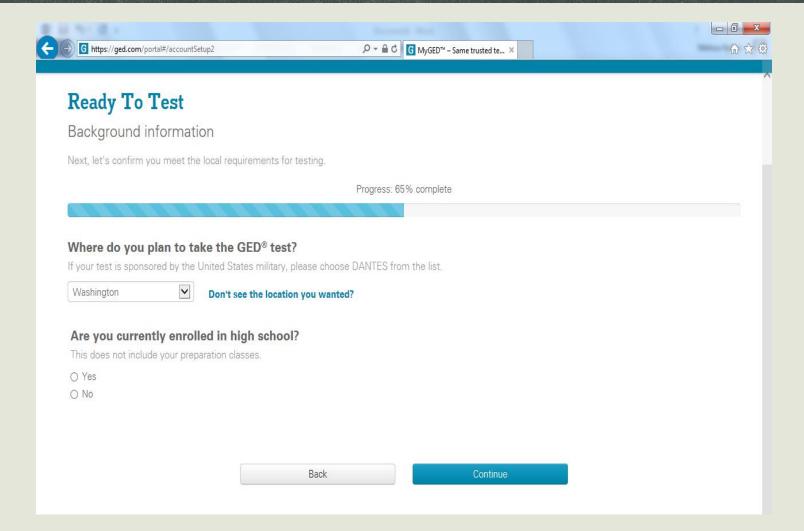
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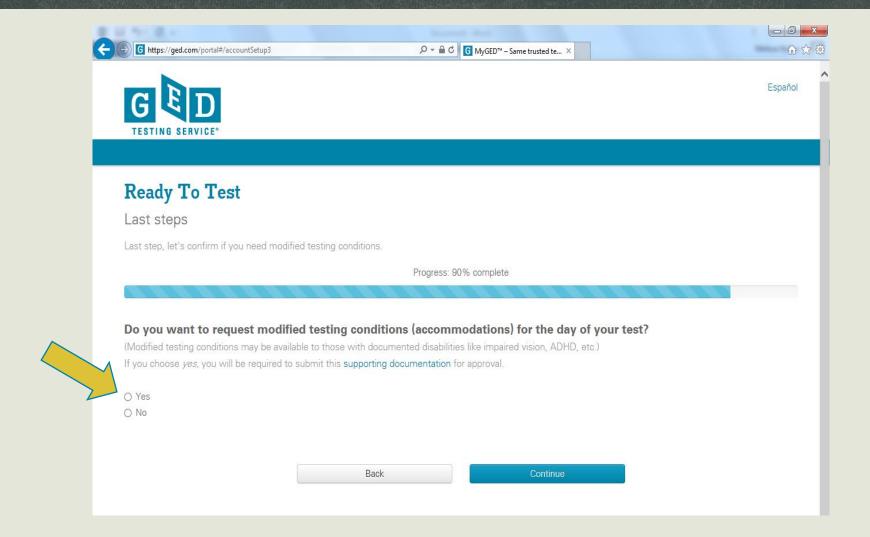
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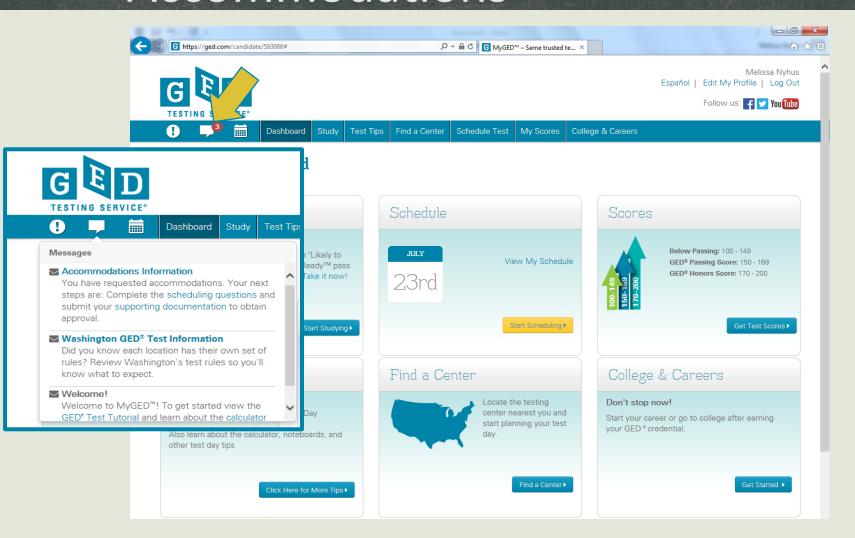
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Language Arts

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Math



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Complete your accommodations request

You requested special testing accommodations. You must submit a few documents to be approved for this. Download the accommodations request forms to get started.

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About the Test

The GED® test evaluates your skills and knowledge in 4 different subjects.

Reasoning Through Language Arts

Science

Social Studies Mathematical Reasoning

The Reasoning Through Language Arts test:

- is 150 minutes
- · consists of 3 sections
- includes a 10-minute break between sections 2 and 3
- · includes one essay that you have 45 minutes to write

Measures your:

- · ability to read closely, write clearly, and edit and understand written English
- · ability to understand, interpret, and answer questions based on text
- · ability to use evidence to support an argument
- · understanding of basic English skills at a level needed to succeed in college or a job

Questions about the test

Do I have to take all 4 subjects at once?

No! You can study for and take one subject at a time. That way you can focus and do your best. It's also easier to pay for one at a time! If you want to take two, three, or all four tests at the same time, you can do that too. It's your choice.

Is the test available in languages other than English?

Yes, the GED® test is also available in Spanish, but states have different rules about the Spanish test. In South Carolina and South Dakota, the Spanish test isn't allowed. Your state may have other policies about the GED® test. Check your state's policies here.

How much is the test?

Cost varies by state, but you can pay for it one subject at a time. The cost ranges from \$4 - \$35 per subject, depending on where you test. Didn't pass on your first try? Don't worry. We'll help pay for your retakes! Get \$20 off two retakes per subject (and your state may give you more). Learn more about discounted retakes.

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Study

Get the support you need to pass the GED® test with the right study tools.



Browse Study Tools

Get everything you need to pass the test with the graduate package or find another study tool that's right for you at GED Marketplace™, your one-stop-shop for GED * test prep products.



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Find Local Study Tools

Contact your local adult education center and ask about available study tools and classes-some are even free!



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Useful Study Tool Links

- ➤ Shop GED Marketplace™
- > Find Local Adult Education Centers
- ➤ Take GED Ready™
- > Try the Free Practice Test
- > Extended Response Answer Guidelines RLA

Test Tips



Schedule a lunch break on test day

If you schedule more than one subject in the same day, you will not receive a lunch break automatically. To schedule a lunch break, schedule each subject separately so that you have time in between tests.

Change or cancel appointments at least 24 hours before

> You must change or cancel your test at least 24 hours before your appointment time or else you will lose your payment. If you cancel your appointment with less than 24 hours notice or do not show up, you will not receive a refund.

Arrive early

- Make sure you know where the testing center is and arrive at least 30 minutes prior to your scheduled GED® test appointment
- > You will need to check in when you get there
- > If you arrive more than 15 minutes after your scheduled appointment time, you may not be admitted and may lose your test fee

Know the test center rules

- > You will not be allowed to eat, drink, smoke, or use your cell phone during your test
- > Cell phones are strictly forbidden in the testing room. If you are found with a cell phone during testing, you will be escorted out and your test will not be scored. You will also need to reschedule and pay for another test.
- > When you schedule more than one subject in the same day, you will automatically be given a ten-minute break in between tests. Unscheduled breaks are not allowed and your test may not be scored if you leave the room during an unscheduled break.
- > During scheduled breaks and lunches, you may access your personal items
- If you need to leave the room, have questions about the test, or are experiencing problems with your computer, raise your hand and notify the test administrator
- If your friends or family come with you, they will not be allowed in the testing room. Testing centers may not have waiting areas and they may not be permitted to wait.

Be prepared

- > Get a good night's sleep and eat before you come so you can focus
- > Dress comfortably and plan to leave most of your personal items at home

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Test Tips

Test day is just around the corner. Take a few minutes to review the

ful tips and tools that will make your test day run smoothly.

Tips for Test Day

What to Bring

Tour the Test

Calculator

Noteboard

You will have an on-screen calculator for parts of the Mathematical Reasoning test, and for certain items on the Science and Social Studies tests.

Prepare for your GED® test by learning about the approved calculator:

- 2014 Calculator Tutorial (View Online Now) (Download and View Later)
- > Basic calculator functions Click here to see a video
- ➤ How to use the calculator for mathematic items Click here to see a video
- > How to use the calculator for complex items, such as order of operations or calculating with fractions Click here for more information
- ➤ AE Symbol Tool Explanation

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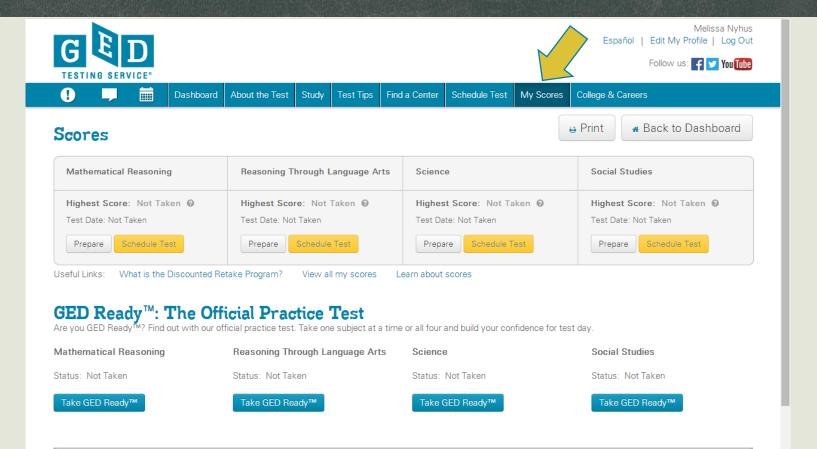
Welcome to the GED[®] Test Calculator Tutorial

To begin, look at the lower right corner of the screen.

Click the Next button.



Scores



Score Reports

- What do I need to pass the test?
- I don't see my test scores. When will they be here?
- · What do my scores mean?
- . How are the questions scored?

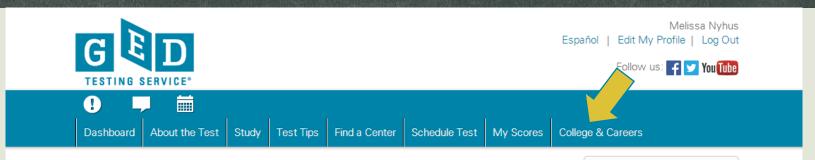
Happy with your scores?

- How many times can I retake a test?
- I passed all my tests. What's next?
- I don't think my scores are correct. Who do I contact?

Useful Links

- Prepare with GED Marketplace[™]
- Take GED Ready[™]
- Find a Prep Center

After GED Completion



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Training

Not all jobs require a college degree. Learn more about the highest paying jobs for high school credential holders and get connected to the training you need.

- > Education training
- ▶ 40 highest paying jobs without a bachelor's degree
- > Certifications
- Apprenticeships
- > Short-term training



College

Is college the next step for you? Feel confident with information about how to choose and apply to a college. Need help paying for it? Use the resources below to learn about financing your future.

- > Find a college
- > Apply to college
- > Pay for College

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Career & Salaries

Start your career now. Assess your skills, pick a career path, and get help applying for a iob.

- > Find a job in your area
- > Resume Help
- > Cover Letter Help
- > Interview help
- LinkedIn Instructions

Requesting Accommodations

What types of conditions or impairments might need to be accommodated?

The most commonly accommodated conditions include:

- Learning disabilities
- Visual impairments
- ADHD
- Emotional disorders such as major depression
- Physical impairments

In addition, some <u>chronic</u> medical conditions may require a change in the standard testing conditions, such as:

- Diabetes
- Crohn's Disease
- Chronic severe back pain due to an injury or illness

Finally, some individuals may qualify for an accommodation if they have a <u>temporary</u> medical condition that requires an adaptation, such as:

- A broken leg
- Pregnancy

Accommodations Available

- Adjustable Contrast
- Adjustable Font
- Reader
- Recorder
- Hand-held calculator
- Talking Calculator
- Paper & Pencil Administration
- Braille Administration
- Screen Magnifier
- Screen Overlay
- Water Bottle
- Private Room
- Separate room and may move

- Separate room and read aloud
- Unscheduled Breaks
- Extra Time (5 minutes)
- Extra Time (10 minutes)
- Time and a Half (1.5x)
- Time and a Quarter (1.25x)
- Double Time (2x)
- Equipment
- Extra Break: 5 minutes break at 30 minutes (not allowed to leave resting area)
- Extra Break: 10 minute break at 45 minutes (may leave testing room)

All test-takers (without accommodation approval) have the ability to alter the color/contrast settings and increase font size (up to 20 font) of their exam.

Automatic Accommodations (No request needed)

Comfort Aids:

- Earplugs
- Noise Cancelling Headphones
- Tissues/Kleenex

Medicine & Medical Devices:

- Bandages
- Braces- Neck, Back, Wrist, Leg or Ankle Braces
- Casts including slings for broken/sprained arms and other injury-related items that cannot be removed.
- Cough Drops must be unwrapped and not in a bottle/container.
- Eye Drops
- Eye Patches

- Eyeglasses (without the case)
- Handheld (non-electronic) magnifying glass (without the case)
- Hearing aids/Cochlear implant
- Inhaler
- Medical Alert Bracelet
- Medical device attached to a person's body
- Medical/Surgical face mask
- Oxygen Tank
- Pillow/Cushion
- Pills i.e. Tylenol or aspirin must be unwrapped and not in a bottle/container.

Mobility Devices:

- Canes
- Crutches
- Motorized Scooters/Chairs
- Walkers
- Wheelchairs

Requesting Accommodations

Is listening to the test in auditory mode an accommodation on the new test?

Yes. The Screen Reader functionality will be available as an accommodation by approximately fall 2014. Prior to its availability, an individual requiring that accommodation will be provided with a human reader.

Will candidates or jurisdictions have to pay for readers or scribes?

No. Pearson VUE will arrange for these services at Pearson VUE's expense.

Can test-takers request other computer devices that may assist their ability to access the computer based test?

Yes. If test-takers have a documented disability and present a need for adaptive equipment (ergonomic keyboard, track ball mouse, etc.), the equipment will be provided by Pearson VUE at no charge to candidates or the jurisdiction.

What type of process will be used for the visually impaired test taker?

Accommodations for the visually impaired are built into the computer-based testing interface. There is a version of the test in Braille.

Documentation Guidelines

- Documentation must be on evaluators letterhead
- Be current:
 - ADD/ADHD: 3 years or less
 - Leaning Disability: 5 years or less
 - Intellectual Disabilities: 5 years or less
 - Psychiatric/Psychological: 1 year or less
 - Physical/Chronic health Conditions: 1 year or less
- Contain relevant information about the history of condition and how it impacts functioning, treatments using, and prognosis
- Include all scores, subtest scores, and index scores for any tests that were administered
- Include specific diagnoses
- Specific recommendations for testing accommodations and rational
- Must be signed by the evaluator

Requesting Accommodations

Test-takers will be notified in writing of the accommodations decision, usually within 30 days.

If approved, test-takers will be given specific instructions for how to schedule their accommodated GED® Tests with the Pearson VUE Accommodations Scheduling team.

If denied, test-takers will be advised about the appeal procedures.

- Reasonable Adjustment Appeal Form
- Reasonable Adjustment Extension Form accommodations approvals are automatically valid for 1 year from the date of approval





Thank you for your time.

Are there any questions?

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