



How can I get a transcript of my GED records?

Either download a transcript order form at www.paadulted.org (click on GED) or send a written request including the following information:

- name you used when you took the test,
- date of birth,
- Social Security number,
- year you took the test,
- telephone number, and
- address for mailing the transcript.

Include a \$3.00 money order, cashier's check, or certified check made payable to the Commonwealth of PA. Mail the request to:

Commonwealth Diploma Program
333 Market St., 12th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17126-0333

What if I need special testing accommodations?

If you have specific physical, mental/emotional, or learning disabilities, you may apply for testing accommodations. Ask your

test examiner for more information or go to www.paadulted.org or www.GEDtest.org



Can I get help to prepare for the GED Tests?

Study help is available all over Pennsylvania. To find an adult education program near you, check the ABLE Program Directory at www.paadulted.org or call (717) 787-6344.



How do I apply to take the GED Tests?

GED Test Centers are available throughout the state. Go to www.paadulted.org or call (717) 787-6747 to find an official GED Test Center near you. Contact the Center, fill out the application form, and arrange for testing. Test fees are set by each Center and may range from \$50 to \$75. You will pay your fee to the Test Center.

The staff at Pennsylvania's adult education programs will be happy to help you make testing arrangements.

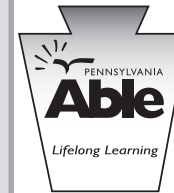


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GED® Testing in Pennsylvania

Need a high school diploma? A Commonwealth Secondary School Diploma may be your answer. It shows that you have met Pennsylvania's high school graduation requirements. How can you get this diploma? Read inside ...



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Gerald L. Zahorchak, Secretary
Bureau of Adult Basic and Literacy Education
Rose M. Brandt, Director

What are the GED Tests?

The GED Tests are a set of five tests. They are different from school tests. The GED Tests give you a chance to show knowledge you have gained from experience, reading, and self-study.

The five separate GED Tests are Writing, Reading, Social Studies, Science, and Mathematics. Most

questions are multiple choice, and you'll write a short essay as part of the Writing test. You may use a calculator for some parts of the Math test. You must use the calculator provided to you by the Test Center.

410 points. You may also retake any tests to raise your total score to 2,250 points. Tell your test examiner if you are registering for a re-test.



What happens after I take the Tests?

If you passed, you will receive a Commonwealth Secondary Diploma and a copy of your transcript in the mail. If you are 16 or 17 years old, you will receive your transcript; you will receive your diploma when you turn 18. If you did not pass, you will receive a copy of your transcript.



You do not need to take all the GED Tests at the same time, but you must score a total of at least 2,250 points on all five tests. You must score at least 410 points on each individual test.

May I take the GED Tests more than once?

You may take the exam up to three times in one year. You will need to retake any test with a score below

Am I eligible to take the GED Tests?

To take the GED Tests in Pennsylvania, you must be a Pennsylvania resident. You are not eligible if you are enrolled in high school or if you already have a U.S. high school diploma.

If you are 16 or 17, you must provide a letter of withdrawal from your school district superintendent or principal and a written request from one of the following: employer; college, university, technical, or trade school official; armed forces recruiting officer; or director of a state institution for residents, patients, or inmates.

You must be at least 16 years of age to take the GED Tests.

What's in the GED Tests?

The contents of each test, along with standard time limits, are as follows:

- **Language Arts: Writing—Part I** (50 multiple choice questions, 75 minutes) and **Part II** (Essay, 45 minutes)
- **Social Studies** (50 questions, 70 minutes)
- **Science** (50 questions, 80 minutes)
- **Language Arts: Reading** (40 questions, 65 minutes)
- **Mathematics—Part I, Calculator** (25 questions, 45 minutes) and **Part II, Non-calculator** (25 questions, 45 minutes)

Are the GED Tests available in languages other than English?

The GED Tests are available in English, Spanish, and French. You must pass all five tests in the same language.

For more information on the GED Tests, visit www.GEDtest.org

For information on GED preparation and testing in Pennsylvania, visit www.paadulted.org

Or call the State GED Office at (717) 787-6747.

