



2014 Texas

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State Requirements ([top](#))

[How old do I need to be to take the test \(without exceptions\)?](#)

In Texas, the minimum age required to take the GED® test is 18 years old.

[I'm underage. What do I need to do to take the test?](#)

This rule changes based on which state you're testing in. In Texas, you can be 16 and take the GED® test if you have the following exception:

You can test at 17, if: ([See Texas Education Code](#))

- You have a government (national or foreign) issued photo ID;
- You are a resident of Texas (See above for Residency Requirements);
- You are not enrolled in school (you are excepted if you are enrolled in an approved in-school GED preparation program);
- You are not a high school graduate; and
- You must have parental/guardian permission.

You can test at 16, if: ([See Texas Education Code](#))

- The applicant has a government (national or foreign) issued photo ID
- The applicant is a resident of the state (See above for Residency Requirements)
- In the care of a state agency or under a court order or in a [Job Corps](#) training program
- Is not enrolled in school
- Is not a high school graduate

If you are under the age of 18, you are [required to attend school](#).

[Do I need to take a class or receive instruction before I can take the test?](#)

No, Texas doesn't require you to prepare for the GED® test in an adult education classroom. However, studying in a classroom setting is a good opportunity to get up to speed on the topics and areas you'll find on the GED® test.

[Where can I find an adult education center?](#)

Finding an adult education center is easy. Enter your ZIP code in [our locator tool](#) and we'll show you the adult education centers closest to you.

[Do I have to take the practice test before testing?](#)

No, you're not required to take the Official GED Practice Test™ before taking the test. However, the Official GED Practice Test™ is available at [GEDmarketplace.com](#) and is a good measure to see if you're ready to take the GED® test or not.

[Do I need to prove I'm a resident of Texas to take the test?](#)

Yes, in Texas you're required to be a resident. You can prove your residency at the testing center with a valid driver's license or other proof of residency, such as a bill with a Texas address.

If you have more questions about proof of residency, please contact your local testing center to learn more.

[The closest testing center is in a different state. Can I take the exam there?](#)

Some states allow people who don't live there to take the GED® test and others don't. You'll need to check the residency requirement for the state that you're interested to test in.

For Texas: Sorry, Texas doesn't allow people to take the test there unless they can prove residency.

[Are there any additional state requirements for me to pass my GED® test?](#)

NO. In Texas you're required to have a valid government-issued photo ID to take the GED® test. This can be from any government, and includes a passport, driver's license, and Matricula Consular ID card.

Price & Payment (top)

[How much does the GED® test cost?](#)

In the State of Texas, the cost is \$33.75 per module, for the GED® test.

[How much does it cost to retake the test? Can I retake the test for free?](#)

GED Testing Service offers a discounted retake program for all GED® test-takers. According to the program's policy, you are eligible for:

- Two discounted retakes for each subject area taken
- Retake fee (\$13.75)
- GED Testing Service fees are waived every retake (\$20 per subject area test)
- States and testing centers can choose to waive their fees
- You must schedule retakes one at a time for the discount to apply
- Discounted retakes cannot be combined with any other discounts

- Retakes must occur within 12 calendar months of your initial attempt
- After your two discounted retakes, you will need to wait at least 60 days, pay the full retake price and then you will receive two more discounted retakes

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Registration & Scheduling (top)

[Can I take all of the parts at once or do I need to setup different appointment times?](#)

Yes, in Texas you can take all test parts in the same day if you can find a testing center with hours that accommodate it.

[What happens if I move to a different state in the middle of testing? Can I continue testing in my new state or do I have to start all over?](#)

It depends on whether or not that state has a residency requirement, but your 2014 series GED scores from another state can be transferred. Check the residency requirements in that state and don't hesitate to [contact the GED Administrator™](#) in that state with questions.

For Texas: In Texas you're required to be a resident to take the test there.

[Once I start testing, is there a time limit for me to finish all four subjects before my scores begin to expire?](#)

In Texas there is no time limit.

[What score do I need to pass the test?](#)

Texas 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

Retake Policies (top)

[If I don't pass, how long do I have to wait before taking the test again?](#)

In Texas, there is no waiting period if you do not pass a subject area test the first time. After taking a test subject 3 times, you'll have to wait 60 days before retesting. There's no limit to how many times you can test in a year.

Retake rules are enforced for students retesting in different languages. For example, if you take an English test three times, then move to a Spanish test, the GED Testing Service 60-day wait period is enforced. If a state has additional retesting requirements, these requirements will also be enforced.

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[Why can't I re-test the subject that I failed?](#)

In Texas, you are not required to finish the entire test before re-testing on any subjects.

After the first three attempts, the test-taker must then wait 60 days after the most recent retake, and 60 days prior to any subsequent retest.

GED® Test Credential (top)

[I took and passed the test but the jurisdiction won't issue my certificate. Can you help me?](#)

Sorry to hear that you're having trouble with your certificate. Please contact your State Administrator at ged@tea.texas.gov

[Why do I need to work with my jurisdiction? Can't I just get the diploma from you?](#)

GED Testing Service develops the GED® test and works with each state to offer the test. The credential is issued based upon rules of each individual state—most states have slightly different rules and regulations.

Because of the state-by-state differences, GED Testing Service doesn't issue diplomas. That's why we encourage you to work closely with your state to get an answer. You can try to request another certificate [on this page](#).

[After I start taking the exam modules, how much time do I have to complete all of them to get credentialed?](#)

This depends on the state you're testing in. In Texas you do not have a time limit for completing the GED® test.

[I want to order a copy of my transcript and/or diploma.](#)

Obtain a printable PDF containing your State of Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency and test scores by visiting [Texas GED Certificate/Transcript Search](#). TEA no longer mails duplicate certificates/transcripts through the U.S. Postal Service. All record verifications and Certificate/Transcript Requests must be made using the automated system. This system also allows users to search for records online, verify record authenticity, and purchase and print the certificate on their own printer.

[What is the GED® credential in my state called?](#)

In Texas the credential is called the State of Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency.

Options Program (top)

[What is the Options Program?](#)

In Texas, the Options Program is called the High School Equivalency Program. This program allows students who are currently enrolled in High School to earn a State of Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency instead of a High School Diploma. The High School Equivalency Program is not available in every school district. For more information, please contact your local school district or visit <http://tea.texas.gov/HSEP/locations/> to find approved HSEP's.

GED® Test Language Versions ([top](#))

[Can I take my GED® test in Spanish?](#)

Yes, in Texas you can take the GED® test in Spanish.

[Can I take the GED® test in French?](#)

No, in Texas you cannot take the GED® test in French.

[Am I allowed to combine different language versions of the test together?](#)

Yes, Texas residents are allowed to combine language versions to complete the test. This means you can take some tests in English and combine them with Spanish tests to earn your GED® test credential.

[Does Texas have requirements for English as a Second Language \(ESL\)?](#)

English as a Second Language (ESL) instruction can help any non-native English speaker, but there aren't any requirements for ESL exams in Texas to earn a High School Equivalency credential.

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