



GED® Score Change FAQs for Students

The passing score for the GED® test is now 145 instead of 150. What this means for you:

- **If you've started taking the GED® test – or are thinking about it – this is great news!**
You're more likely than ever to earn your diploma! You now have to score 145 (instead of 150) on each test subject to pass.
- **You won't see your passing status reflected on your score report until March 1.**
While this score change is effective immediately, your score report won't be updated until March 1. Just know that if you earn a 145 or higher on any test subject, you passed!
- **If you scored between 145-149 on a GED® test subject in the past, your status has changed from fail to pass.**
Check your email (be sure to check your spam folder too) for a message from MyGED®.
- **A few states, including Florida, Arkansas, South Carolina and California are still in the process of adopting this change.**
If you are testing in one of these states that hasn't yet adopted this change, don't worry. Simply continue testing as you normally would. This change has to go through a formal approval process that will take some extra time. [Click here for specific details on the score changes in your state.](#)
- **There are now three score levels you can earn on your test.**
GED® Passing Score (145-164), GED® College Ready (165-174), and GED® College Ready + Credit (175-200). You'll see these score levels on your score report starting March 1.

DETAILED GED® SCORE CHANGE FAQs

I heard that GED Testing Service changed the passing score for the GED® test. What are the new score levels?

The new GED® test score levels are:

- (145-164) – Pass / High School Equivalency
- (165-174) – GED® College Ready
- (175-200) – GED® College Ready + Credit

How are the new score levels different from the old ones?

- The passing score is now 145 instead of 150.
- The GED® with Honors score has been replaced by two new score levels that show you're ready for college or a career-training program, and in some cases eligible to earn college credits: GED® College Ready (165-174) and GED® College Ready + Credit (175-200).

Will this change affect students in every state where the GED® test is available?

A few states, including Florida, Arkansas, California, and South Carolina are still in the process of adopting this change. If you are testing in one of these states that hasn't yet adopted the change, don't worry. Simply continue testing as you normally would. This change has to go through a formal approval process that will take some extra time. [Click here for specific details on the score changes in your state.](#)

Why did you change the GED® test passing score?

The new score levels are the best representation of the full range of abilities of today's high school graduates, whether the person is meeting minimum graduation standards or ready for college and beyond. We completed an extensive analysis of GED® test taker and graduate data and consulted with state policy makers and elected officials to determine this score change.

I just took a GED® test and scored 145, but my score report shows that I did not pass. Why?

While the new score levels are effective immediately, we are still working on updating all systems to reflect these changes. On March 1, 2016 the score report in MyGED® will be updated to show the new score ranges. If you scored between 145-149, you've passed and there is no need to retake the test. In most states, transcripts and diplomas will become available on or shortly after March 1, but that timeline may vary depending on the state and their different processes. [Click here to see transcript timelines for each state.](#)

I have a GED® test coming up before March 1. Should I reschedule?

No. Go ahead and test on the date that you scheduled. The new score levels are effective immediately, so if you score at least 145 between now and March 1, you will earn a passing score even though your score report in MyGED® will not reflect the new score ranges until March 1 and updated transcripts will not be available until March 1.

I scored between 145-149 on a GED® test subject in the past. What does the score change mean to me?

If you took a GED® test subject since January 1, 2014 and earned a score between 145 - 149 on that subject, your records will be automatically updated to show that you passed that test. Your updated records will be available in the "My Scores" section of your MyGED® account beginning on March 1, 2016.

If because of this change, you've now passed all four GED® test subjects, then congratulations - you've earned your GED® credential! Transcripts will start to become available March 1 in most states, but that timeline may vary depending on the state and their processes. [Click here to see transcript timelines for each state.](#)

I scored between 145 - 149 on my GED® tests. I know that I will get my transcript and diploma just after March 1, but I need to show my employer or college admissions office that I passed the test. How do I prove to them that I passed?

If you scored between 145-149 on one or more of your GED® test subjects and your passing status was impacted, you will receive an email from MyGED®. Make sure you check your inbox and your spam folder. Until transcripts start to become available beginning in early March, you can use that email as a record of your passing status. If you need an additional confirmation letter, you can email scorechange@gedtestingservice.com with your name and GED ID to request one. To find your GED ID, log into GED.com and click on your name in the top right corner.

I scored between 145-149 on a GED® test subject in the past, but retook the test and passed it at 150 on my second try. Do I get a refund for my test retakes?

No, GED Testing Service waives its fees in order to provide up to two free retakes per test subject. Any

fees that you may have paid for retakes would have been administrative charges by the testing centers and/or the states, which are not under the authority of GED Testing Service.

I scored below 145 on a GED® test subject in the past. What does the score change mean to me?

If you scored below 145 on a GED® test subject, then the score change doesn't affect you. However, since the minimum passing score is now 145 instead of 150, you have a better chance of passing when you take the test next time. Keep studying and move forward with scheduling a retake.

Does this score change affect me if I've already passed the test?

Possibly - GED Testing Service is updating the records of all test-takers since January 2014 with the new score levels. You may now have scored at the GED®College Ready level (165 - 174), or you may become eligible for college credits by scoring at the GED® College Ready + Credit level (175 - 200). Beginning on March 1, 2016 you can log into your MyGED® account and click on "My Scores" to see your updated records.

I already passed the GED® test but have now earned a score in the GED® College Ready or GED® College Ready + Credit score levels. What should I do next?

Congratulations on passing the GED® test! If you now qualify for the GED® College Ready or College Ready + Credit score levels, your scores will be updated in the "My Scores" section of your MyGED® account as of March 1, 2016.

What does the College Ready score mean?

If you've earned the College Ready score on your GED® test, it means that you likely have the skills to start college-level courses. Depending on the school or program you apply to, you may not have to take a placement test or any remedial (non-credit) courses in college, which will save you money when working on a college certificate or degree. Talk to your college's admissions office to learn more about their policies.

What does the College Ready + Credit score mean?

If you've earned the College Ready + Credit score on your GED® test, it means that you have already demonstrated some of the same skills that are taught in college-level courses. Depending on the school or program you apply to, you may be eligible for up to 3 credits in Math, 3 credits in Science, 3 credits in Social Studies, and up to 1 credit in English, which will save you money and time when working towards your college certificate or degree. More information about these credits will be available in early March.

Has the score level for the GED Ready® practice test changed?

Yes, since the GED Ready® practice test is used to predict performance on the actual test, the score level for the GED Ready® has been updated to correspond with the passing score change on the actual test.

I recently took the GED Ready® practice test – does this score change affect me?

If you've already taken the GED Ready® practice test, then your practice test scores will be updated in the "My Scores" section of your MyGED® account as of January 26. But remember, you should take a GED® test subject within 60 days of earning "Likely to Pass" on your practice test for the practice test predictions to be most accurate.