



GED Frequently Asked Questions

Prerequisites

Age Requirements

Test takers must be 18 years of age or older. Those who are 16 or 17 years of age must provide a written request to GED Testing Service from an employer, college admissions office, military recruiting office, or director of a state institution. They must also provide a written statement from their school superintendent or principal which explains that they are withdrawn from school.

Note: Students may not have received a high school or GED credential from any other state.

Identification

Identification must be presented every time a test taker comes to test for every module. The ID must be a government issued and non-expired. It must also include the student's name, address, date of birth, signature, and photograph. If test taker has an ID from a state other than Pennsylvania, it will not be accepted without the test taker providing a supplement form of ID such as a Bank Statement or Utility Bill with their name and Pennsylvania address on it.

Scheduling and Results

Can a session for computer-based delivery of the GED® tests be scheduled online?

Test-takers may schedule their appointments via the web at <https://ged.com/>. Scheduling can also be completed at select testing centers or by phone. The test itself must still be taken in an authorized testing center; GED® tests are not available online or through the Internet. A GED ID is required for scheduling an exam which can be obtained through registering with GED's website at: <https://ged.com/>.

Once a test appointment is scheduled, can it be changed or canceled?

Test-takers may reschedule or cancel their appointments up to 24 hours (one business day) prior to the scheduled appointment through GED.com.

When are the computer-based test results available?

Scores will be available immediately at GED.com under the My Scores tab for all tests except the Language Arts, Writing Test. Because the Language Arts, Writing Test contains a constructed response (essay), no score will be available immediately upon test completion, but the score will be reported back to the jurisdiction after the Language Arts, Writing Test is manually scored. The enhanced score report will usually be available within 24 hours of testing. You will receive an email when your scores are ready for viewing on MyGED™.

Retake Policy

A student can take his or her first three attempts per subject area without wait time restrictions. All subsequent attempts are subject to a 60-day waiting period between attempts. There is no maximum limit to the number of attempts per student within a year. The total number of attempts is dependent on when a student schedules his or her test. Retakes are \$10.

Delivery

Will there be explicit instructions on how to take the Computer Based Training (CBT)?

A tutorial will be available at the beginning of the test and also online at www.GED.com to help test-takers become familiar with the CBT format. A separate tutorial will be included in the math and writing tests.

Preparation

Will there be an Official GED Practice Test in CBT format?

Practice materials for the computer-based GED® tests, including tutorials for using the computer-based system itself, are available at www.ged.com as well as on the Wayne County Library website <http://www.waynelibraries.org/online-services/> through Learning Express (library card required).

Content

How is the test structured?

The GED test is broken up into four modules:

RLA: Reasoning Through Language Arts consists of 3 sections with a 10-minute break between sections 2 and 3 and includes one essay that you have 45 minutes to write. 155 Minutes

SCI: Science has no breaks and includes 2 short answer questions that take about 10 minutes per question to write. You are allowed to use a TI-30XS calculator either on-screen calculator or you may bring in your own or use the Testing Center's calculator. 95 Minutes

MAT: Mathematical Reasoning has 2 parts with a 3-minute break. You are not allowed the calculator on Part 1. You are allowed you to use a TI-30XS calculator for Part 2 either on-screen calculator or you may bring in your own or use the Testing Center's calculator and you are given you some Math formulas and a calculator reference sheet. 120 Minutes

SOC: Social Studies is 2 parts with no break. Part 2 of the test is one essay that you have 25 minutes to write. You are allowed to use a TI-30XS calculator either on-screen calculator or you may bring in your own or use the Testing Center's calculator. 95 Minutes

Will the computer-based format of the GED® tests be available in languages other than English?

Yes. The GED® test is available in Spanish.

How will the essay work? Will test-takers have to type their essays?

Test-takers will be required to type their essays and will be able to see immediate score results for all test parts except for the essay.

How will the math portion of the test be handled? And will scratch paper and hand-held calculators still be used?

During a computer-based testing session with the GED® test, each test-taker will receive an erasable note board, instead of scratch paper. The calculator is included in the math module, although test-takers can bring in a hand-held calculator if preferred and hand held calculators will be provided by the Test Center.

Cost

What is the cost for the computer-based delivery of the GED® tests?

The base price for the computer-based GED® test is \$30 per content area. Retakes are \$10.

What if I don't have a credit card to pay for the test?

You can buy a prefilled/prepaid credit card at a local retailer or make arrangements through Wayne Pike Workforce Alliance to pay using a voucher. Arrangements for payment with a voucher must be made at least two weeks in advance of testing and only a Money Order for the voucher will be accepted, no cash or checks.

Additional Resources

GED Preparation

Wayne & Pike County Public Library - Learning Express – *Library Card required*

www.waynelibraries.org - Online Workforce & GED

www.pcpl.org - online databases – High School Equivalency Center

www.GED.com

Wayne Pike Adult Literacy - 570-253-3221

Northampton Community College - 570-369-1886