

The Pennsylvania GED

Pennsylvania adults who do not have a high school diploma have two ways to obtain a Commonwealth Secondary School Diploma. They can apply for a diploma after accruing 30 college credits or they can pass all four GED Exams. This page describes fundamental features of the GED tests. For more information, visit the [Pennsylvania Department of Education](#) website, or the GED Testing Service website, www.ged.com.

Taking the Tests

The official GED® Tests are only offered at authorized GED® Test Centers. You *must* appear in person to take the test. The state of Pennsylvania does not award the Commonwealth Secondary School Diploma for passing online tests or tests administered at unauthorized sites.

How do I register for the test?

You must create an account and schedule your test online at www.ged.com

How do I find a GED® Test Center in my area?

To locate a test center in your area, go to www.ged.com and click on *Locate a test center*.

What is the cost of the GED® Test?

Each individual test costs \$30.00. The cost is \$120.00 for all four tests.

What is the minimum passing score?

Pennsylvania requires a minimum passing score of 150 points on each GED test.

Can I combine scores from the old 2002 GED with the new 2014 GED?

Scores can be combined, but there are minimum score requirements and rules that apply. For information, visit the [Pennsylvania Department of Education](#) website.

Is retesting allowed?

If you do not earn a passing score of 150 on any of the four sub-tests, you may retake the test(s) again up to three times. After the third attempt, you must wait 60 days before you can take the test again. The idea is to give you time to study and prepare for the test. Promotions and discounts are periodically available for retests.

What are the test time limits?

- Reasoning through Language Arts (RLA) – 150 minutes
- Social Studies – 90 minutes
- Science – 90 minutes
- Mathematical Reasoning – 115 minutes

Eligibility

If you are 18 years old or older, you must meet the following criteria to take the GED® Tests in Pennsylvania:

- You are a resident of Pennsylvania (See **Note* below).
- You have not graduated from high school or received a high school diploma or equivalency certificate.
- You are not enrolled in a public, licensed private, registered accredited or licensed nonpublic secondary school.
- You can provide necessary documentation to prove your identity.*

If you are 16 or 17 years of age, you must meet additional criteria.

**Note: You must provide documentation of your identity and Pennsylvania residence. This documentation must include your name, address, date of birth, signature, and current photograph. Standard documents for verifying identity and Pennsylvania residency are a Pennsylvania driver's license or a Pennsylvania photo ID. If you do not have a Pennsylvania driver's license or Pennsylvania photo ID, you may use a valid U.S. or foreign passport, military ID, or other U.S. or foreign government-issued document to prove identity. Additional forms of proof of Pennsylvania residency include the following: a utility bill, signed lease, tax record, voter registration form, bank statement, or car registration.*

Transcripts

Visit [Pennsylvania GED](#) to obtain transcripts.