

High School Equivalency Testing FAQ

Eligibility

What are the minimum age requirements?

18 years and older: you may take an HSE exam if you meet the other requirements.
16-17 years old: you may test under certain conditions. You must present official written permission of withdrawal from compulsory attendance from the board of trustees of a school district (or their designee within the school district or at your zoned school), along with signed parental permission, to your local test center to be able to take the exam. You may be required to demonstrate proficiency by passing a practice test. Contact your local testing center to verify that all requirements have been met before registering or scheduling an HSE exam.

What kinds of identification are required?

You must present valid photo identification on test day at the state-approved high school equivalency test center. A valid driver's license, passport, military ID, or other form of government issued identification that shows name, address, date of birth, signature and photograph are acceptable forms of identification. Outdated or expired identification will not be accepted.

It is important that the identification match the demographic information provided during test registration. You must be able to prove your personal identification and your Nevada residency.

Must I be a resident of Nevada to take the tests?

Yes. Certificates of High School Equivalency (proof of passing an HSE exam) are only issued to persons who reside in the State of Nevada or who are on active military duty and have attended secondary school in Nevada. Nevada's "Good Neighbor" residency policy for HSE testing allows for testing certain non-residents who live near the border of Nevada in adjacent states when a testing site is not easily accessible to the non-resident.

What are the Nevada residency requirements?

You must be a resident of Nevada to take an HSE exam. There is no minimum residency length requirement. You will be required to show proof of residency prior to testing. See required identification.

I live just across the border in an adjoining state. Can take an HSE exam in Nevada?

Nevada has a "Good Neighbor" policy that allows persons living in a border state to test in Nevada if the Nevada testing center is closer than a testing center in your own state. You must meet the eligibility requirements of your home state and of Nevada. Certain other restrictions may apply, check with the Nevada testing center before registering.

I am currently enrolled in high school. Can I take an HSE exam?

No, you must not be enrolled, nor required to be enrolled in high school to take an HSE exam.

I have a high school diploma from a U.S. school. Can I take an HSE exam?

No, you must be without a high school diploma or high school equivalency certificate to take an HSE exam.

Is a Social Security Number (SSN) required to take an HSE exam?

No, while you may be asked to optionally provide your SSN when you register, it is not required. Please note that many employers, colleges, and other institutions may desire your SSN to appear on your official transcript.

General

How to get approval for a testing accommodation?

While your local testing center may be able to approve some accommodations, most will have to be pre-approved by the test publisher before you can schedule testing. Check with your local testing center for further information.

Can an examinee take part of the exam on computer and another part on paper.

Yes, provided there are both computer and paper options available.

Both vendors offer at-home online versions of their assessment for those 18 and older, please visit their individual sites ([GED® Online](#) & [HiSET® by PSI](#)) to inquire more information on online testing.

Are there other language versions besides English?

HSE exams are also available in Spanish.

Can an examinee take part of an HSE exam in one language and another part in a different language?

Yes, Nevada allows for the combination of languages to achieve a certificate of High School Equivalency. Nevada testing centers allow for the scheduling and testing of all High School Equivalency subtests in the language preference and selection of the individual tester. Testers who sign-up online for virtual testing are allowed to schedule and test for any subtest in the language of their preference.

The passing of all required vendor subtests, in either English or Spanish, results in a Nevada Certificate of High School Equivalency.

If I take the tests in Spanish will that be indicated on my Certificate of High School Equivalency?

No, the certificate and transcript does not indicate the exam language.

Do I need to take a practice test before sitting for the actual exam?

Persons that participate in a test readiness program are generally more successful.

Although there are no state level requirements for HSE preparation, your local test center or educational agency may require you demonstrate readiness prior to actual testing. Check with your local test center before registering.

Can I take any HSE exam on computer or paper?

The GED® test is only available on computer. The HiSET™ test is available on both paper and computer. Not all options are available at every testing center.

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Can scores from different exams be combined?

Yes, Nevada allows for the combination of scores from different vendors (e.g., GED® scores

and HiSET™ scores). However, you cannot combine scores from different versions of an exam (e.g. GED® 2002 series and the GED® 2014 series exams).

A tester may take any test subject in the language of their preference, either English or Spanish, to earn the Nevada High School Equivalency Certificate. The passing of all required vendor subtests, in either English or Spanish, results in a Nevada Certificate of High School Equivalency. To be issued a Nevada High School Equivalency Certificate, an individual must pass either GED Reasoning Through Language Arts, or HiSET Language Arts - Reading and Language Arts - Writing, as well as Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science from either vendor. Those who started testing with TASC, but did not finish prior to it being discontinued, can finish the test with a different vendor and combine the scores to achieve the HSE.

GED® Test Subtests –
Reasoning Through Language Arts (RLA)
Mathematical Reasoning
Science
Social Studies

HiSET® Test Subtests –
Language Arts – Reading
Language Arts – Writing
Mathematics
Science
Social Studies

TASC Test™ Subtests – (for those who tested prior TASC discontinuing the test)
Language Arts – Reading
Language Arts – Writing
Mathematics
Science
Social Studies

Pricing

How much does it cost to take an HSE exam in Nevada?

A full exam battery consists of one of each of the subtests that make up the complete assessment. Testing centers may limit the number of sessions that a test-taker may sit for (e.g., most full battery exams are administered in one or two sessions).

GED®
Each subtest is \$25. The total price for the four GED® subtests is \$100 (four subtests). Purchase of a subtest includes up to two discounted retakes on failed subtests. Subtests may be scheduled individually. Payment is collected by GED Testing Service® at time of scheduling.

HiSET®

For Computer Based Testing: Each Subtest is \$15.75. The total price for the HiSET exam battery is \$78.75 (five subtests).

For Paper Based Testing: Each Subtest is \$20. The total price for the HiSET exam battery is \$100 (five subtests).

Purchase of a subtest includes up to two discounted retakes on failed subtests. Subtests may be scheduled individually. Payment is collected by the testing center.

Retesting on Failed Subtests

The HSE exam publishers offer up to two discounted retakes on failed subtests. The discounted retakes apply to the first purchased subtest in a subject area. Test publishers stipulate the period that the discounted retakes are available, usually 12 months after the initial purchase. Discounted retake terms are stipulated by the test publisher. Check with the test publisher for further information.

Are there vouchers available to pay for the cost of the test?

There are many options available for third parties to pay for all or part of an HSE exam. Inquire at your local test center for more information.

Test Administration

Can HSE prep teachers proctor HSE exams?

No, test publishers prohibit HSE preparation teachers from proctoring HSE exams.

Test center staff and teachers must not review test questions or discuss test questions or answers with examinees or amongst themselves.

Can Test Centers add an additional fee to cover credit card processing?

Yes, test centers may add a small additional fee to cover credit card processing.