

Nevada High School Equivalency (HSE) Certificate Policies

Current Nevada High School Equivalency assessments that lead to a Nevada Certificate of High School Equivalency:

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

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

Both assessments cover the same content areas (with GED combining the Reading and Writing portions into one subtest) and allow test-takers to demonstrate proficiency in the academic skills expected by employers and postsecondary institutions.

Requirements for Issuance of Certificate:

The Superintendent of Public Instruction will issue a *Nevada Certificate of High School Equivalency* to an individual who meets the eligibility requirements for high school equivalency testing and achieves minimum passing scores on each of the individual subtests of a state approved HSE assessment.

Minimum Passing Scores:

The minimum passing scores on the subtests for each state-approved high school equivalency assessment are:

GED®: a standard score of 145 on each of the four subtests.

HiSET®: a standard score of 8 on each of the five subtests, with a minimum score of 2 on the essay portion of the writing test, and an average standard score of 9 on the five subtests.

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 Nevada Certificate of HSE.

Educational Status Requirements for Testing:

Any person who:

- a) Has not graduated from a high school in the United States which is accredited by a regional association; and
- b) Is not currently enrolled in a high school nor required to be enrolled is eligible to take the tests if he or she meets the other requirements.

Age Requirements for Testing:

Any person who:

1. Is 17 years of age or older is eligible to take the tests if he or she meets the other requirements.
 - a. The board of trustees of a school district may, upon request and for good cause shown, grant permission to take the state-approved high school equivalency assessments to a person who resides in the school district and who is at least 16 years of age but less than 17 years of age. Written parental permission is also required.

Required Identification:

Test-takers must present valid and current photo identification on the test day at the state-approved HSE test site. A valid driver's license or other form of government issued identification that shows name, date of birth, signature and photograph are acceptable forms of identification. The identification should match the demographic information provided during test registration.

Residency:

Test-takers must be residents of Nevada to take an HSE exam. There is no minimum residency length requirement. Test-takers are required to show proof of residency prior to testing.

Exception:

Nevada has a "Good Neighbor" policy that allows persons living near the Nevada border in adjacent states to test in Nevada if the Nevada testing site is closer than a testing site in their own state. Test-takers must meet the eligibility requirements of their home state and of Nevada. Certain other restrictions may apply, so test-takers must check with the Nevada testing site before registering.

Combining Test Scores:

1. Scores from subtests of differing languages can be combined to complete the battery.
2. Test scores between the three state-approved HSE assessments can be combined (e.g. GED® scores and HiSET® scores).
3. Scores from different versions of an exam (e.g., GED® 2002 series and the GED® 2014 series exams) cannot be combined.

4. Test scores achieved from different delivery methods within the same assessment system may be combined (e.g., a math score from computer-based testing and a writing score from paper-based testing or at-home online assessment.)
5. Test scores achieved in state jurisdictions outside of Nevada may be combined with test scores achieved in Nevada. Test scores must be from assessment system that is approved for use at the time of import. It is the responsibility of test-takers to provide an official report of testing history prior to testing in Nevada.

Requirements for Retesting:

1. An applicant who completes his or her initial assessment but fails to achieve the minimum scores may be retested on the individual subtest or subtests which the applicant failed.
2. Retests must follow vendor requirements.
3. An applicant may not be retested more than 3 times, with the fourth attempt within 60 days of the first. The availability of alternative forms of the assessment limits the number of possible retests. The assessment vendor may also impose limits on the number of times a person may take a subtest.
4. Applicants may be retested on individual subtests that they have previously passed in order to increase their score. Retests on previously passed subtests must be on alternative test forms if using the same assessment system as the previously passed subtest.

Certificate and Official Transcripts:

Upon passing the minimum requirements, test-takers are eligible to receive one *Nevada Certificate of High School Completion* (suitable for display purposes) and one official transcript at no cost. Additional official transcripts are available from DiplomaSender, LLC.

To get the initial certificate and transcript, testers can go to DiplomaSender.com and register for a test taker account. Testers will need to verify that listed name, address, birth date, and publisher ID are correct. The delivery options for the documents will be visible during the ordering process.

All Nevada HSE transcripts and verification requests are available exclusively from DiplomaSender, LLC. The Nevada Department of Education does not process HSE transcripts or verification requests.

GED® transcripts for tests administered prior to 2002 require a test-taker to initiate an archive request at Diploma Sender.

Online requests: DiplomaSender.com

Telephone requests: (855) 313-5799

General support: support@diplomasender.com

Agency support: agencysupport@diplomasender.com

Pricing:

A full exam battery consists of one of each of the subtests that make up the complete assessment. Testing sites 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 site.

Retesting on Failed Subtests:

High school equivalency exam vendors may offer free or discounted retakes on failed subtests. Test-takers are responsible for a small test site administrative fee when scheduling any free or discounted subtest retake.

Credit Card Processing Fees:

Testing sites may charge for the recovery of merchant transaction processing fees when they accept payment in the form of credit cards, debit cards, and other non-cash methods.

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