



INDIANA – Paper Pencil Testing

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| Q. 1. | What are the GED® Tests? |
| A. 1. | <p>GED stands for General Educational Development, and GED Testing Service® is the only provider of the official GED Tests. GED Tests can be taken only at official GED testing centers.</p> <p>The GED Tests provide adults who did not complete a formal high school program the opportunity to certify their attainment of high school level academic knowledge and skills. The tests are offered in English, Spanish and French language versions. Over 17 million people have earned a GED credential since 1943. Ninety-eight percent of colleges and universities that require a high school diploma accept the GED credential. Ninety-six percent of companies accept applicants with a GED credential for jobs requiring a high school diploma. For more information, see the GED Testing Fact Sheet at www.GEDtest.org.</p> |
| Q. 2. | What subject areas are covered on the GED Tests? |
| A. 2. | <p>The GED Test Battery consists of five parts; they are:</p> <p>Language Arts, Reading (time limit - 65 minutes)</p> <p>Language Arts, Writing this is a two-part test with a multiple choice section (time limit - 75 minutes) and an essay portion (time limit - 45 minutes)</p> <p>Mathematics this is a two-part test with a calculator (provided by the testing center) used for part 1 but no calculator permitted for part 2 (time limit - 90 minutes)</p> <p>Science (time limit - 80 minutes)</p> <p>Social Studies (time limit - 70 minutes)</p> |
| Q. 3. | Who is eligible to take the GED Tests? |
| A. 3. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. You must be at least 18 and have not earned a high school diploma from an accredited United States high school. 2. If you are not 18 but at least 16, then you may take the GED tests ONLY if you have first obtained recommendation from a school Superintendent. IMPORTANT: The individual providing the approval must be a Superintendent as defined by Indiana Code. Recommendations or exit forms signed by a principal, parent, assistant superintendent, or a superintendent’s designee will <u>NOT be accepted</u> as recommendation for taking the GED tests. 3. You must be a resident of Indiana for at least thirty (30) days prior to taking the GED tests. |
| Q. 4. | How can I prepare for the GED Tests? |
| A. 4. | <p>While there is no requirement that you must prepare to take the GED tests, you may choose to take free adult basic education classes. For more information about classes near you, visit: www.in.gov/dwd/adulted.htm and click on the locations tab.</p> |
| Q. 5. | How much does it cost to take the GED Tests? |
| A. 5. | <p>Each local, official GED testing center sets the fee for the GED tests. Currently, most Testing Centers charge a maximum fee of \$70. The cost for taking the GED Test battery and for retaking certain sections of the Test will vary by testing center.</p> |
| Q.6. | How do I register to take the GED Tests? |
| A. 6. | <p>Most official GED Testing Centers require pre-registration, and that is recommended if you wish</p> |

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| | to secure a time to take the tests. First, click here to locate an official GED Testing Center near you. Important: you will need to have the appropriate identification and may be required to pay for the tests upon registration. Appropriate identification includes either an Indiana driver's license or another form of current (unexpired) government issued photo identification that includes your name, address, birth date, and signature. Please note, without an Indiana Driver's License, you will be asked to show evidence of living in Indiana at least thirty (30) days prior to testing. |
| Q.7. | How long do I have to take all of the GED Tests? |
| A.7. | If you are taking all of the tests, you will spend a little more than seven hours testing. Most Testing Centers will schedule testing over a period of two or more days; however, <i>you must complete all sections of the GED test battery within sixty (60) days after taking the first test.</i> |
| Q.8. | What are passing scores? |
| A.8. | Passing scores for the GED Tests include meeting a minimum score of 410 on each section of the test, but with an average of 450 (or an overall combined score of 2250). If you achieve a 410 on each section, it is not considered passing for the purpose of earning a GED credential. |
| Q.9. | What if I do not achieve a 410 on a certain section(s) or what if I do not achieve an overall score of 2250? |
| A.9. | You may retake the section(s) you did not pass and/or any section you need to retake in order to raise your average test score to 450. Because there are only three (3) distinct test forms available in a calendar year (January - December), you may retest on any section of the test only two times. While there is no official wait time required prior to retaking a test, additional time for further study and preparation is highly recommended. |
| Q.10. | Do I get a high school diploma if I pass the GED Tests? |
| A.10. | No. If you pass, you are eligible to receive the GED Certificate of Achievement issued by the Department of Workforce Development (DWD). While the success on the GED Tests indicates equivalency of high school level knowledge, it is not considered a diploma. If you are interested in earning a high school diploma, visit the Department of Education website: www.doe.in.gov for more information. |
| Q.11. | How can I access my test scores? |
| A.11. | Once you've taken the GED tests, you should register an account with Indiana's official document fulfillment service, DiplomaSender: https://www.diplomasender.com . If you pass the GED test battery, your score report and certificate will be mailed to the address you indicated on your demographic form at the time of testing. If you provided an invalid or incomplete address, you will need to login to DiplomaSender and order your credentials. If you do not pass the GED test battery, then you can view your scores using DiplomaSender or contact your test center for an unofficial score report. |
| Q.12. | What if I have trouble accessing my scores using DiplomaSender? |
| A.12. | If you have trouble registering an account or accessing your scores using DiplomaSender, you must send a message to support@diplomasender.com explaining the issue and providing your contact information. Please allow 1-3 business days for a response. |

Have other questions? Send a message to: AdultEdGED@dwd.in.gov.