

Regulations Governing General Educational Development Certificates
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8 VAC 20-360-10. Eligibility.

Certificates may be issued to individuals who meet the following requirements:

1. Age. An applicant must be at least 18 years of age and not enrolled in a public or private high school. Under special circumstances, which are consistent with the Code of Virginia, §§ 22.1-254 and 22.1-254.2, the age limit may be lowered to 16 years of age.
2. Minimum scores requirements. The following minimum score requirements must be met depending upon when the candidate took the General Educational Development (GED) Tests:
 - a. For test batteries completed on or after January 1, 2002, individuals must achieve the minimum passing score requirements set by the GED Testing Service of the American Council on Education or such higher score requirements that may be established by the Virginia Board of Education.
 - b. For test batteries completed between January 1, 1997, and December 31, 2001, individuals must achieve at least an average battery score of 45, a total standard score of 225, and no individual test score below 40;
 - c. For test batteries completed between July 1, 1979, and December 31, 1996, individuals must achieve at least an average battery score of 45, a total standard score of 225, and no individual test score below 35; or
 - d. For test batteries completed prior to July 1, 1979, individuals must achieve at least an average battery score of 45 (rounded up), a total standard score of 223, and no individual test standard score below 35.
3. In-state testing. Only those entities designated by the Department of Education as Official Virginia GED Testing Centers shall determine whether an individual is eligible to take GED Tests in accordance with policies of the GED Testing Service of the American Council on Education and the Code of Virginia, § 22.1-254.2. GED Tests shall be administered only at Official Virginia GED Testing Centers or addendum test sites that have been approved by the Virginia GED Administrator and the GED Testing Service.
4. Credit for scores on GED Tests administered out-of-state. Official test scores may be accepted from an approved state agency, an official jurisdiction responsible for overseeing GED testing, or an official GED testing center outside of Virginia.

8 VAC 20-360-20. Retesting.

Individuals may take the full battery of tests up to three times during a calendar year to qualify for a General Educational Development Certificate. Test scores may be combined in accordance with GED Testing Service policy.

Statutory Authority: Section 22.1-223 et seq. of the Code of Virginia.
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