

GED

<https://www.ged.com/>

The GED is a high school equivalency test that provides individuals who didn't finish high school with a credential recognized by colleges, employers, and the military

Eligibility Requirements:

- Test takers must be at least 18 years old (or 17 with additional state requirements).
- No high school diploma or enrollment in high school.
- Available at test centers or online (if eligible)

Recognition


- Passing the GED earns you a High School Equivalency Diploma, accepted by colleges, employers, and the military in the U.S.
- More widely recognized than the HiSET, as some states only offer the GED.

Cost:

- The cost varies by state, typically ranging from \$120–\$160 for all four tests.
- Some states offer free or discounted testing programs.

Subjects

Math	46 Questions
Algebra, Geometry, Statistics & Probability	
Science	35 Questions
Life science, Physical Science, and Earth & Space Science	
Social Studies	35 Questions
U.S. History, Civics & Government, Geography	
English Language Arts	46 Questions and Essay
Reading Comprehension, Grammar, Essay Writing	

Question Type <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extended Response • Drag-and-Drop • Drop-Down • Fill-in-the-Blank • Multiple Choice • Short Answer 	Test Format <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online/computer based • Available in English and Spanish 	Time of Test  7 HRS 25 MINS You can take the tests separately or all at once
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Passing Score 150
(In each Test Section)

HiSET

<https://hiset.org/california/>

The HiSET (High School Equivalency Test) in California is an **alternative** to a traditional high school diploma. It allows individuals who didn't graduate from high school to earn an equivalency credential recognized by colleges and employers.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Test takers must be at least 18 years old (or 17 with additional requirements).
- California residents can take the test at authorized testing centers or via an online proctored option (if eligible).

Recognition


- Passing the HiSET gives you a California High School Equivalency Certificate, which is accepted by colleges, employers, and the military

Cost:

- The price varies, but California typically offers lower fees compared to the GED.
- Some programs may offer free or reduced-cost testing for qualifying individuals.

Subjects

Math	50 Questions
Algebra, Geometry, Statistics & Probability	
Science	50 Questions
Life science, Physical Science, and Earth & Space Science	
Social Studies	50 Questions
U.S. History, Civics & Government, Geography	
English Language Arts	90 Questions and Essay
Reading Comprehension, Grammar, Essay Writing	

Question Type <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple Choice • Essay 	Test Format <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online/computer based • Option for paper/pencil version • Available in English and Spanish 	Time of Test  7 HRS 5 MINS You can take the tests separately or all at once	Passing Score 45 (Combined Score)
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HiSET Proficiency Exam

<https://hiset.org/california-proficiency/>

The HiSET Proficiency Exam awards students with a **California Certificate of Proficiency**, legally equivalent to a state-issued high school diploma.

Eligibility Requirements:

- 16 years of age or older or
- Enrolled in grade 10 for one school year or longer or
- Will complete one school year of enrollment in grade 10 at the end of the semester when the exam is taken

The student must be currently subject to California's compulsory education laws.

Recognition


- Passing the HiSET gives you a California Certificate of Proficiency, which holds the same legal equivalent as a California-issued high school diploma.
- The California Certificate of Proficiency is widely accepted at all California colleges and employers.
- Upon receiving Official Score Report and exiting high school, individuals become eligible to take the remaining two subtests of the HiSET (Science and Social Studies) to obtain a California High School Equivalency Certificate, which is recognized nationally and internationally. This certificate can open more opportunities than a California Certificate of Proficiency alone.

Cost:

- \$390 for all three Proficiency subtests
- Some programs may offer free or reduced-cost testing for qualifying individuals.

Subjects

Math	50 Questions
Algebra, Geometry, Statistics & Probability	
English Language Arts	90 Questions and Essay
Reading Comprehension, Grammar, Essay Writing	

Question Type <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple Choice • Essay 	Test Format <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online/computer based • Option for paper/pencil version 	Time of Test  4 HRS 35 MINS You can take the tests separately or all at once	Passing Score 45 (Combined Score)
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