

# Michigan GED® Testing Jurisdictional Requirements

**Title of State Credential:** High School Equivalency Certificate

## **Requirements for Issuance of Certificate:**

**Minimum Test Scores:** The 2014 GED® test is computer scored based on a scale of 100 to 200. The minimum passing score to earn a high school equivalency certificate is 150 on each of the four (4) sections of the test.

*Note – Based on the national Standardization and Norming Study (SNS) conducted by the GED® Testing Service (GEDTS), a passing score of 170 per section has been established as the GED® with Honors standard score. The SNS was performed in the summer of 2013 with high school graduates from the class of 2013. The GED® with Honors score is considered to be an indicator of college and career readiness.*

**Minimum Age:** 18 years of age and class of which applicant would have been a member must have graduated. Individuals who are graduates of the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, National Guard Michigan Youth Challenge Program qualify for a Michigan GED® certificate if they are at least 16 years of age, and successfully complete all GED® tests in accordance with Michigan jurisdictional score requirements.

**High Schools are authorized to issue high school diplomas or certificates on the basis of the GED® test to adult residents provided applicants meet the following requirements:**

1. **Minimum Age:** None, but diplomas or certificates will not be granted ahead of the time applicants would have received the credentials had they remained in school, except for Michigan Youth Challenge Program graduates.
2. **Residence:** Must be a former student or present resident of the school district from which the diploma or certificate of equivalency is sought; residents in a non-high school district may apply to the high school serving the particular district.
3. **Previous High School Enrollment:** The local high school may require a year or more of previous high school enrollment in addition to attaining the minimum test scores on the GED® test.

**Duplicate certificates are not issued.**

**Minimum Age for Testing:**

Individuals who are at least 16 years of age and have been out of a regular school program for one calendar year may be tested. The calendar year waiting requirement may be waived if it is in the best interest of the individual as determined by a **school district's superintendent or designee and parent/guardian** and is in accordance with State approved GED® testing center guidelines. **A GED® testing center must retain documentation of this waiver requirement signed by the student, parent/guardian and school district's superintendent or designee. This documentation shall include language that GED® testing is in the best interest of the examinee and has been approved by the above-mentioned signatories.**

Michigan National Guard Youth Challenge Program graduates who are at least 16 years of age and no longer enrolled in high school are eligible for testing upon completion of the program.

Applicants for induction into the U.S. Armed Forces who are age 17 may be admitted to testing, provided a written request is made by the recruiting office of any branch of the Armed Forces stating that the applicant has met all military requirements for induction except for GED® test scores, and provided request is accompanied by letter or written statement signed by the local school official stating that the individual has left school and that it would probably be in the best interest of the person to be admitted to testing and, also, a letter of permission for induction from the applicant's parent or guardian is furnished.

**Requirements for Retesting:** Retesting is at discretion of the chief examiner, however, applicants are counseled to enroll in preparatory programs and it is recommended that six months should have elapsed before retesting.

**Official Transcripts:** Test scores are accepted as official only when reported directly by:

- Official GED® Testing Centers
- Transcript Service of the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES)
- GED® Testing Service
- Workforce Development Agency, State of Michigan GED® Office

**Testing Fees:**

Computer-Based-Testing fees are \$37.50 per test or \$150.00 for the full battery of 4 GED® tests.

**Michigan Residency Requirement:**

Testers are not required to be Michigan residents in order to test in the State Of Michigan