
TITLE 14 EDUCATION
DELAWARE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
900 Special Populations

910 Delaware Requirements for Issuance of the Secondary Credential

1.0 Purpose

Pursuant to 14 Del.C. §122(b)(18), a Delaware secondary credential is given to persons who satisfactorily pass a secondary credential assessment approved and recognized by the Delaware Department of Education.

17 DE Reg. 724 (01/01/14)

22 DE Reg. 944 (05/01/19)

2.0 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this regulation, shall have the following meaning:

“Assessment” means a set of tests that evaluates high school skill levels in the content areas of English Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies.

“Department” means the Delaware Department of Education.

“Secondary Credential” means a document that verifies the successful completion of the assessment that evaluates high school level skills in the areas of English Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies.

22 DE Reg. 944 (05/01/19)

27 DE Reg. 520 (01/01/24)

3.0 Eligibility for a Secondary Credential Assessment

3.1 For persons 18 years of age or older, the person shall:

3.1.1 Be a resident of Delaware or, if a resident of another state, be currently employed in Delaware and have been employed for a minimum of 6 months prior to taking the test; and

3.1.2 Certify by signature on the secondary credential assessment application form that the person is not enrolled in a public or nonpublic school program.

3.2 For a person 16 or 17 years of age, the person shall:

3.2.1 Seek a waiver of the 18 years of age requirement by completing a written application to the Department that includes showing good cause for taking the test early and designating where the test will be taken; and

3.2.2 Be a resident of Delaware; and

3.2.3 Verify that the person is at least 16 years of age at the time of the application for the waiver of the age requirement using a birth certificate, driver's license, a State of Delaware Identification Card or other comparable and reliable documentation of age; and

3.2.4 Provide verification of withdrawal from the applicant's public or nonpublic school program; and

3.2.5 Provide a transcript from the applicant's public or nonpublic school program.

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27 DE Reg. 520 (01/01/24)

4.0 Scores Required for a Delaware Secondary Credential

An individual shall attain a minimum score of 145 on each subject test of the GED®.

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22 DE Reg. 944 (05/01/19)

27 DE Reg. 520 (01/01/24)

5.0 Assessment Approval Process

5.1 The assessment provider must complete a Department-approved application. The application must include, at a minimum, all of the following:

- 5.1.1 Provider's qualification and experience;
 - 5.1.2 Assessment content and form;
 - 5.1.3 Validation and norming processes;
 - 5.1.4 Assessment delivery;
 - 5.1.5 Technology processes;
 - 5.1.6 Security provisions;
 - 5.1.7 Accommodations processes;
 - 5.1.8 Assessment scoring and reporting processes;
 - 5.1.9 Assessment data access requirements;
 - 5.1.10 Practice test and supplementary instructional materials;
 - 5.1.11 Staff training;
 - 5.1.12 Alignment with college and career readiness standards and Delaware accountability system; and
 - 5.1.13 Cost and timeframe for implementation.
- 5.2 Completed applications shall be submitted to the Department.
- 5.3 The Department will evaluate the application based on the criteria in subsections 5.1.1 through 5.1.13.

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27 DE Reg. 520 (01/01/24)

6.0 Currently Recognized Assessments and Publication

The GED® Test has been approved and is currently the only Department-recognized secondary credential assessment.

2 DE Reg. 375 (09/01/98)

5 DE Reg. 1285 (12/01/01)

10 DE Reg. 862 (11/01/06)

15 DE Reg. 1008 (01/01/12)

17 DE Reg. 724 (01/01/14)

22 DE Reg. 944 (05/01/19)

27 DE Reg. 520 (01/01/24)