

# GED Exam - General Information

**What is the GED® Exam?** The exam measures an adult's skills and knowledge, it is the only high school equivalency credential recognized in all 50 states.

**How do I get started?** Exam candidates must register, schedule their appointment and pay for their exams online at GED.com. *This is the only way to make an appointment or pay for the exam.* Individual testing centers cannot create accounts, make appointments or accept payment for the exam.

## How do I sign up to take the exam?

- Navigate to GED.com
- Create a new account

You'll need an email address that you have access to

- First, Middle & Last Name
- Date of Birth
- Mailing Address
- Primary Phone
- Secondary Phone

Arizona State **requires** candidates to provide an approved form of ID **every time** they come in to take an exam. Your ID must show a current picture, name, date of birth, signature, current address, and be a *government-issued photo ID\** (ex. Passport, Driver's License). Additionally, candidates who are under 18 MUST also provide documents listed below prior to scheduling an appointment:

- Official Withdrawal Form from last school they attended & Notarized Letter of Permission from a parent/guardian, and ID. Please refer to [http://www.gedtestingservice.com/testers/policy\\_az#age](http://www.gedtestingservice.com/testers/policy_az#age) for additional information.

**How do I prepare for the GED Exam?** There are many options available, refer to GED.com for or <http://www.azed.gov/adultedservices/2012/05/01/adult-education-classes/> for detailed information.

**What does the exam cover?** The GED Exam covers four primary subject areas: Reasoning through Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, and Mathematical Reasoning, the state of Arizona also requires candidates to complete a Civics exam: details for each exam are listed below. Additional information can be found online at <https://ged.com/about-the-test>

## **Reasoning Through Language Arts:**

- 150 minutes total: 3 sections; includes a 10-minute break between sections 2 and 3
- includes one essay – 45 minute time limit

The exam measures your:

- ability to read closely, write clearly, and edit and understand written English
- ability to understand, interpret, and answer questions based on text
- ability to use evidence to support an argument
- understanding of basic English/Spanish skills at a level needed to succeed in college or a job

**Science:**

- 90 minutes, no breaks
- includes 2 short answer questions that take about 10 minutes per question to write
- allowed to use your own TI-30XS calculator; on-screen calculator provided

Measures your:

- knowledge of life science (40%), physical science (40%), and Earth and space science (20%);
- ability to read, understand, and interpret science-related texts
- problem-solving abilities in science-related situations

**Social Studies:**

- 70 minutes
- allowed to use your own TI-30XS calculator; on-screen calculator is provided

Measures your:

- knowledge of civics and government (50%), U.S. history (20%), economics (15%), and geography and the world (15%)
- ability to read, understand, and interpret social studies-related texts
- problem-solving abilities in social studies-related situations

**Mathematical Reasoning:**

- 115 minutes, has 2 sections with a 3-minute break between sections
- No calculator permitted on section 1, candidates may use their TI-30XS calculator for section 2; when permitted an on-screen calculator is provided within the exam.
- some math formulas and a calculator reference sheet are provided

Measures your: quantitative problem-solving and algebraic problem-solving abilities

**Civics: Only available in English**

- No time limit, 100 multiple-choice questions – information & study materials can be found on this website. <http://www.azed.gov/adultedservices/2016/11/07/civics-test-for-high-school-equivalency-recipients-faqs/>

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Do I have to take all five exams in one sitting?** No, you can study for and take one subject at a time. That way you can focus and do your best. It's also easier to pay for one at a time! The first four exams cost \$35, the Civics exam costs \$10, \$150 total. If you want to take two, three, four or all five exams at the same time, you can do that too. It's your choice.

**Is the exam available in languages other than English?** Yes, with the exception of the Civics exam the GED® exam is also available in Spanish, but states have different rules about the Spanish exam; refer to GED.com for details.

**How do I know if I passed?** To pass the GED® exam, you must get at least 150 points on each of the four primary subjects and at least 60 out of 100 on the Civics Exam. To get the GED® with Honors score, you must score at least 170 points. You can earn GED® with Honors on just one subject or all four. Your transcript will show how you scored on each part.

**Can I retake the exam if I don't pass?** Yes. You can retake the exam right away; candidates are allowed to retake any single exam before completing all four subject areas. After you take a subject three times, you have to wait 60 days before retesting. If you exam in Spanish, you can take the exam two times then you must wait 60 days for your third retest. Go to GED.com for detailed information about the policies in Arizona.