

Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency

Authority

Only the Texas Education Agency (TEA) is authorized to issue a Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency (TxCHSE) in Texas. Tests must be taken in person at a TEA-approved testing center under Texas Education Code §7.111 and Texas Administrative Code §89.41-47.

Official Certificates, Transcripts, and Verifications

All record verifications and Certificate/Transcript purchases must be made using the automated system on the Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency Information page located at www.txchse.com. This process allows an individual to search for records on-line, verify authenticity and purchase a downloadable PDF of the certificate. TEA will no longer mail (via US Postal Service), email, or fax duplicate certificates/transcripts.

Certificate of High School Equivalency Test Providers

The State Board of Education currently contracts with GED Testing Service (GEDTS) to provide high school equivalency assessments. Texas issues a Certificate of High School Equivalency when an individual meets the minimum score requirements based on the assessment.

As of September 1, 2019, Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) no longer administers the TASC test in Texas. Certificates earned by passing the TASC test prior to that date will remain valid.

As of September 1, 2021, Educational Testing Service (ETS) no longer administers the HiSET exam in Texas. Certificates earned by passing the HiSET test prior to that date will remain valid.

Test Score Requirements – Current

- **GED General Educational Development Test by GEDTS**
Scores range from 100 to 200. A passing score requires a minimum of 145 on each of the four exams.

Test Score Requirements - Historical

- **HiSET Exam by ETS 2017-2021** Scores ranged from 1 to 20. A passing score required a minimum of 8 on each of the five exams, a combined score of 45, and a minimum score of 2 on the Language Arts-Writing essay.
- **TASC Test by DRC 2017-2019** Scores ranged from 300 to 800. A passing score required a minimum of 500 on each of the five exams and a minimum of 2 out of 8 points on the Writing essay.
- **GED 2002-2013** 2002 series scores ranged from 200 to 800. A passing score required a minimum of 410 on each of the five exams and a total score of 2250 (450 average).
- **GED 1997-2001** A passing score required a minimum of 40 on each of the five tests and an average of 45 (225 total).
- **GED 1959-1996** A passing score required a minimum of 40 on each of the five tests or an average of 45 (225 total).
- **GED 1942-1958** A passing score required a minimum of 35 on each of the five tests.