

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Statutory Authority: 14 Delaware Code, Section 122(d) (14 **Del.C.** §122(d))
14 **DE Admin. Code** 910

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Education Impact Analysis Pursuant To 14 Del.C. Section 122(d)

910 Delaware General Educational Development (GED) Endorsement

I. Summary of the Evidence and Information Submitted

The Secretary of Education seeks the consent of the State Board of Education to amend 14 **DE Admin. Code** 910 Delaware General Educational Development (GED) Endorsement. This regulation has been reviewed as part of the five year cycle and changes were made to the title and references to the test to be consistent with the American Council of Education's titling of the test and other GED® brand usage guidelines. The GED® is a brand name and registered trademark of the American Council on Education (ACE). GED® and GED Testing Service® are registered trademarks of the American Council on Education (ACE). They may not be used or reproduced without the express written permission of ACE or GED Testing Service. The GED® and GED Testing Service® brands are administered by GED testing Service LLC under license from the American Council on Education. The following highlights are from the ACE website:

- GED® tests are designed to measure the skills and knowledge equivalent to a high school course of study.
- The GED® test battery comprises five content area assessments:
 - Language Arts, Reading
 - Language Arts, Writing
 - (including an essay)
 - Mathematics
 - Science
 - Social Studies
- The GED® tests are currently offered only in a paper-pencil format at Official GED Testing Centers™ - they cannot be taken online.

Notice of the proposed regulation was published in the *News Journal* and the *Delaware State News* on November 19, 2011, in the form hereto attached as *Exhibit "A"*. The Department did not receive comments on the amendments.

II. Findings of Facts

The Secretary finds that it is appropriate to amend 14 **DE Admin. Code** 910 Delaware General Educational Development (GED) Endorsement in order to be consistent with the American Council of Education's titling of the test and other GED® brand usage guidelines.

III. Decision to Amend the Regulation

For the foregoing reasons, the Secretary concludes that it is appropriate to amend 14 **DE Admin. Code** 910 Delaware General Educational Development (GED) Endorsement. Therefore, pursuant to 14 **Del.C.** §122, 14 **DE Admin. Code** 910 Delaware General Educational Development (GED) Endorsement attached hereto as *Exhibit "B"* is hereby amended. Pursuant to the provision of 14 **Del.C.** §122(e), 14 **DE Admin. Code** 910 Delaware General Educational Development (GED) Endorsement hereby amended shall be in effect for a period of five years from the effective date of this order as set forth in Section V. below.

IV. Text and Citation

The text of 14 **DE Admin. Code** 910 Delaware General Educational Development (GED) Endorsement amended hereby shall be in the form attached hereto as *Exhibit "B"*, and said regulation shall be cited as 14 **DE Admin. Code** 910 Delaware General Educational Development (GED) Endorsement in the *Administrative Code of Regulations* for the Department of Education.

V. Effective Date of Order

The actions hereinabove referred to were taken by the Secretary pursuant to 14 **Del.C.** §122 on December 15, 2011. The effective date of this Order shall be ten (10) days from the date this Order is published in the *Delaware Register of*

Regulations.

IT IS SO ORDERED the 15th day of December 2011.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Lillian M. Lowery, Ed.D., Secretary of Education

Approved this 15th day of December 2011

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910 Delaware ~~General Educational Development (GED) Endorsement~~ Requirements for issuance of the GED[®] Test Credential

The Delaware ~~General Educational Development (GED) Endorsement~~ GED[®] test credential is given to persons who satisfactorily pass the ~~General Educational Development (GED)~~ GED[®] Test.

1.0 For a person 18 years of age or older to be eligible to take the ~~GED Test~~ GED[®] test an applicant shall:

- 1.1 Be a resident of Delaware or, if a resident of another state, be currently employed in Delaware and have been so employed for a minimum of six months prior to taking the test; and
- 1.2 Certify under his or her signature on the GED[®] application form that he or she is not enrolled in a public or non public school program; and
- 1.3 Provide ~~an official a verified~~ copy of the Official GED Practice Test[®] indicating the applicant has passed the Official GED Practice Test[™] with a score of 2450 or better and not less than 470 on each of the 5 sub test areas.

2.0 For a person 16 or 17 years of age to be eligible to take the ~~GED Test~~ GED[®] test an applicant shall:

- 2.1 Seek a waiver of the 18 years of age requirement by completing a written application to the Delaware Department of Education that includes showing good cause for taking the test early and designating where the test will be taken; and
- 2.2 Be a resident of the State of Delaware; and
- 2.3 Verify that they are at least 16 years of age at the time of the application for the waiver of the age requirement using a birth certificate, drivers license, a State of Delaware Identification Card or other comparable and reliable documentation of age; and
- 2.4 Provide verification of withdrawal from the applicant's public or non public school program; and
- 2.5 Provide a transcript from the applicant's public or non public school program; and
- 2.6 Provide ~~an official a verified~~ copy of the GED practice test Official GED Practice Test[™] indicating the applicant has passed the Official GED Practice Test[™] with a score of 2450 or better and not less than 470 on each of the 5 sub test areas.

3.0 Scores Required for the Delaware ~~General Educational Development (GED) Endorsement~~ GED[®] test Credential

An individual shall have a standard score of not less than 410 on each of the five tests with an average standard score of not less than 450 for all five tests and a total standard score of not less than 2250 in order to be issued a ~~GED Endorsement~~ GED[®] test credential.

4.0 Retesting

Forty five days shall lapse prior to retesting and instruction is recommended before retesting.

5 DE Reg. 1285 (12/01/01)
10 DE Reg. 862 (11/01/06)
15 DE Reg. 1008 (01/01/12) (Final)