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## Michigan High School Equivalency (HSE) Jurisdictional Requirements

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

### Requirements for Issuance of Certificate

#### Minimum Test Scores

**GED®:** The 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 145 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 165-174 per section has been established as the GED College Ready score and signifies readiness to enter credit-bearing college courses. This is dependent on individual college policies. A passing score of 175-200 has been established as the GED College Ready + Credit score and signifies that a student may qualify for up to ten hours of college credit. This credit for coursework is dependent on individual college policies.*

**HiSET®:** The HiSET® test includes both computer-based and paper-based testing on a scale of 1-20. The minimum passing score to earn an HSE certificate is 8 on each of the five (5) sections of the test, at least a 2 out of 6 on the writing essay, and a total combined score of at least 45 on all five tests.

*Note – A passing score of 15 per section, signifies readiness to enter credit-bearing college courses. This is dependent on individual college policies.*

**TASC:** The TASC test includes both computer-based and paper-based testing on a scale of 300-800. The minimum passing score to earn an HSE certificate is 500 on each of the five (5) sections of the test, and a score of 2 or more (out of 8) on the writing essay.

*Note – A passing score of 580 on the Reading test, 560 on the Mathematics test, and a 560 on the Writing test and 6+ (out of 8) on essay signifies readiness to enter credit-bearing college courses. This is dependent on individual college policies.*

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## Minimum Age for Testing

Minors between the ages of 16 and 17 must submit the state-required High School Equivalency Age Waiver Request Form and receive approval from the:

Workforce Development, Adult Education-HSE Office:  
 201 North Washington Sq, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
 Lansing, MI 48913  
[LEO-HSEProgram@michigan.gov](mailto:LEO-HSEProgram@michigan.gov)

- **Minors who are at least 16 years of age and have been out of a regular (K-12) instructional program for one calendar year may be tested.** The State of Michigan's High School Equivalency Age Waiver Request Form must be completed and provide a written and signed statement by the minor to explain why testing for an HSE (GED®, HiSET®, or TASC) would be in his or her best interest. The form shall include signature of parent or guardian, name and phone number of last school attended, and last day of school attendance/drop out date as in accordance with state approved HSE testing center guidelines. A copy of a government issued ID to verify date of birth must be provided (i.e. birth certificate, state ID/driver's license, driving permit, or passport).
- **The calendar year waiting requirement may be waived if it is in the best interest of the minor, as is decided by the minor student, a school district's superintendent or designee and parent/guardian, or is court ordered.** The State of Michigan High School Equivalency Age Waiver Request form shall provide a written and signed statement by the minor to explain why testing for an HSE (GED®, HiSET®, or TASC) would be in his or hers best interest, the form shall include signature of parent or guardian, signature of superintendent or designee, name and phone number of last school attended, and last day of school attendance/drop out date as in accordance with state-approved HSE testing center guidelines. A copy of a government issued ID to verify date of birth must also be provided (i.e. birth certificate, state ID/driver's license, driving permit, or passport).
- If a minor has not attended or enrolled in a K-12 instructional program and **school status is considered "Home School"**, The State of Michigan's High School Equivalency Age Waiver Request Form must be completed and provide a written and signed statement by the minor to explain why testing for an HSE would be in his or hers best interest. The form shall include parent/guardian signature, document "Home School" as last school attended, and last day of attendance/drop date as in accordance with State-approved HSE testing center guidelines. A copy of a government issued ID to verify date of birth must also be provided (i.e. birth certificate, state ID/driver's license, driving permit, or passport).
- **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. High School Equivalency Age Waiver Form for Michigan Youth Challenge or Court Ordered Adjudicated Youth must be completed and provide signature of minor and court appointed representative, along with name of facility and contact information.

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- 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 HSE test scores. The provided request must be accompanied by a 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 a letter of permission for induction from the applicant's parent or guardian must also be furnished.

**Note:** Age waivers may require further documentation or explanation pending an approval for those who do not meet the above-mentioned categories and have unique situations.

### **Requirements for Retesting**

**GED®:** Test takers are permitted to take a test module and two subsequent module retests, with no restrictions between retakes. If a test taker fails the second or any subsequent retest, the test taker must wait 60 days for each successive attempt.

**HiSET®:** Test takers are permitted to take a module and two subsequent module retests within a 12-month period from date of purchase. *Note:* Test takers must complete the full battery before retesting for subjects that have not been passed.

**TASC:** Test takers are permitted to take a test module and two subsequent module retests, with no restrictions between retakes. If a test taker fails the second or any subsequent retest, the test taker must wait 60 days for each successive attempt.

### **Testing Fees**

**GED®:** Computer-based testing fees are \$37.50 per test or \$150.00 for the full battery of four GED® tests.

**HiSET®:** Computer-based testing (CBT) fees are \$18.75 per subtest or \$93.75 for the full battery of five HiSET® tests. Paper-based testing (PBT) fees are \$23.00 per subtest or \$115.00 for the full battery of five HiSET® tests. A onetime \$30.00 administration fee will be assessed to an examinee's first scheduled test. Total cost for first time CBT test, \$48.75/ Total cost for first time PBT test, \$53.00.

**TASC:** Computer-based and paper-based testing fees are \$26.20 per test or \$131.00 for the full battery of five TASC tests.

### **Michigan Residency Requirement and Identification**

- **Testers are not required to be Michigan residents to test in the State of Michigan.**
- **A valid photo ID is required to test in the State of Michigan.**
  - A valid photo ID is a government-issued ID that includes full name, address, date of birth, signature and photograph, such as a driver's license, passport, or military ID. Outdated or expired identification are not accepted unless valid documentation of renewal with accompanying expired government-issued picture ID is provided.

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**Official Transcripts**

- As of July 1, 2018, test scores are accepted as official only when reported directly by LILAC, LLC dba DiplomaSender.
- Official HSE Certificates and HSE transcripts may be ordered through DiplomaSender.