

Rules Regulations Governing General Educational Development Certificates
8 VAC 20-360-10

8 VAC 20-360-10. Eligibility.

~~Certificates General Educational Development Certificates~~ may be issued to ~~adults who are no longer enrolled in regular day school programs and individuals~~ who meet the following ~~minimum~~ requirements:

1. ~~Age. An applicant must be at least 18 years of age and not enrolled in school. Under special circumstances, which are considered by local school authorities to be justifiable and which are consistent with the Code of Virginia and Board of Education guidelines, the age limit may be lowered to 16 years of age. if an applicant is legally withdrawn from school. Notwithstanding the foregoing requirement, applicants below 18 years of age shall provide one of the following:~~
 - ~~a. A letter from an official of the regular day school last attended stating that the applicant has been legally withdrawn from school for a period of one year;~~
 - ~~b. A letter from an official of the regular day school last attended stating that the applicant has been legally withdrawn from school for a period of six months, and a letter from a director of a high school review program stating that the applicant has successfully completed the program; or~~
 - ~~c. A letter from an employer, a recruiting officer of the armed forces, or an admissions officer of an institution of higher learning or postsecondary training institution stating that the applicant meets all requirements for employment or admissions, with the exception of a General Educational Development certificate, and a letter from an official of the regular day school last attended recommending the applicant be tested.~~
- ~~2. High school credit. Not required.~~
- ~~3. 2. Residency. An individual must be a resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia. for a minimum of 30 days immediately prior to making application to take the test.~~
- ~~4. 3. Minimum test scores. A standard test score battery average of 45 (a total score of 225) with no individual test standard score below 35 is required. Minimum score requirements must be met according to the following schedule that addresses when the test was taken:~~
 - ~~a. On or after January 1, 2002, the minimum passing score set by the GED Testing Service of the American Council on Education or a score higher as determined by the Board of Education.~~

- b. *Between January 1, 1997, and December 31, 2001, an average battery score of 45, a total standard score of 225, and no individual test standard score below 40;*
 - c. *Between July 1, 1979, and December 31, 1996, an average battery score of 45, a total standard score of 225, and no individual test standard score below 35; or*
 - d. *Prior to July 1, 1979, an average battery score of 45 (rounded up), a total standard score of 223, and no individual test standard score below 35.*
5. 4. Credit for out-of-state scores. *Official Test scores may be accepted from an approved GED battery of tests administered by an approved GED center state agency, an official jurisdiction responsible for overseeing GED testing, or an official GED testing center outside of Virginia, provided the requirements established by the Commonwealth of Virginia for the issuance of a certificate have been fulfilled.*

8 VAC 20-360-20. Retesting.

An applicant who fails to qualify for a certificate General Educational Development Certificate on the basis of test scores may be retested, provided at least 60 days have lapsed since the last testing, no sooner than 60 days following the test administration, unless written authorization is provided by either the state GED administrator or the division administrator of adult education programs as designated by the division superintendent in which the examinee resides.

8 VAC 20-360-30. Application and fees.

A Virginia resident must make application in the school division in which he or she lives. The application must be approved by the school division superintendent or his or her designee. An applicant approved by the local school official is required to pay a fee of \$10 to take the entire battery of five tests or \$2.00 for each individual test. Testing fees are established by the Board of Education.

Statutory Authority: Section 22.1-223 et seq. of the Code of Virginia.

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