

# The GED<sup>®</sup> Credential: Proof of Achievement



## The National High School Equivalency

The GED Tests offer adults an opportunity to earn the only high school equivalency credential recognized and awarded by all 50 U.S. states. It opens doors for adults to pursue additional training and education, making possible better jobs, higher pay, and an improved quality of life.

More than 17 million people have earned a GED credential, and they work in every private and public sector, contributing to the development of the country. GED credential recipients include nurses, doctors, teachers, mechanics, CEOs, and even a governor.

## A Standard Measure

The GED Tests certify that graduates from Alabama to Utah have attained skills and knowledge of high school-level reading, writing, social studies, science, and mathematics. By passing the seven hours of testing, GED credential recipients demonstrate not only their subject proficiency, but also a commitment to their education and future.



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## The Return

Passing the GED Tests can mean big benefits—for the individual, for business, and for society. For many GED credential recipients, these tests are the first step toward better jobs, further training, higher wages, and a better quality of life. Two of every three people who take the GED Tests plan to pursue additional education.

GED credential recipients also are more likely to encourage their children to finish school, and most say earning the credential gave them a sense of personal accomplishment. These accomplishments mean a more prosperous future for them and the nation.

### *The Fact Is. . .*

The GED credential is accepted by 98 percent of colleges and 97 percent of employers, and recipients will earn more over their lifetime than someone without a high school diploma. The GED credential provides people with opportunity.

## The Bottom Line

GED credential recipients are a proven asset to their families, business, and society. Encourage adults who haven't earned a high school diploma to take the GED Tests.

For more information on the GED Tests, the GED credential, and to find a local testing center, visit [www.GEDtest.org](http://www.GEDtest.org).



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## About GED Testing Service

GED Testing Service® is a program of the American Council on Education® (ACE) that develops, delivers, and safeguards the GED Tests, setting the policy for and ensuring compliance of GED test battery administration. GED testing is administered by each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia, the Canadian provinces and territories, the U.S. insular areas, the U.S. military, and federal correctional institutions. Each jurisdiction manages its own GED testing program.

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