



# TASC Test Assessing Secondary Completion™

Adult Education Solutions



DRC is a leader in the development and administration of K–12 and Adult Education assessments, and our portfolio of assessment solutions includes:



LAS Links® is an integrated suite of English and Spanish language proficiency assessments and instructional tools designed to strengthen your English language learning (ELL) program.



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TASC Test Assessing Secondary Completion™ is a state-of-the-art, affordable national high school equivalency assessment that assesses five subject areas: Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.



TABE® remains the most comprehensive and reliable assessment product in the education industry, providing a solid foundation for effectively assessing the skills and knowledge of adult learners.

## Learn Why you should select the TASC test.



### The New National High School Equivalency Exam

For decades, if you did not finish high school, you had only one option. Now that has changed, and that's where the TASC Test Assessing Secondary Completion™ comes in. Data Recognition Corporation created the TASC test as a flexible and affordable alternative for measuring high school proficiency. This means if you do not have your high school diploma, you now can complete your high school equivalency and go back to school, or be in the running for a better job.

### About the TASC Test

- It measures real-world skills needed for career and college readiness, and tests your level of achievement relative to that of graduating high school seniors.
- TASC test assessments are available in English and Spanish.
- It is available in both paper-and-pencil and online formats.
- There are test accommodations for special needs including large print, Braille, and audio.
- The online platform used by the TASC test is the same secure platform used by other programs with which you may be familiar—for example, TABE® Online.
- The TASC test also offers an online registration system to make signing up fast and easy.

### Benefits

Should you take the TASC test? While no one but you can answer that question, there are some very persuasive reasons for deciding to take it. For one thing, doing so will provide you with a sense of achievement. No matter what kept you from receiving a high school diploma, there is no doubt a part of you wishes that you had.

Not only is graduating from high school considered a rite of passage, but that credential also tells society and your future employers that you've received an education. Without it, you probably feel as if you're missing something vital in your life. Well, you can fix that by taking the TASC test, and earning your high school equivalency today.

Taking the TASC test says you cared enough about getting an education, and that you hammered away and studied hard to achieve your high school equivalency. You were determined to better your life and made education your top priority.

### Why Select the TASC Test?

#### Trusted in Adult Education for Over 50 Years

DRC is the leader in developing assessments for the adult basic education market. DRC assessments have passed rigorous reviews at the state and federal level, and for more than 50 years, the Tests of Adult Basic Education (TABE) have been the premier measure of achievement used by educators, states, and employers to assess the knowledge and skills of learners just like you.

# Prepare What you need to know.

## Test Content and Item Types

<p><b>TASC TEST READING LITERACY</b></p> <p>The Literacy test includes multiple-choice and technology-enhanced questions that test an examinee’s ability to understand the information presented in excerpts from newspapers, magazines, novels, short stories, poetry, drama, and business or legal text passages. The Literacy test includes both literary and informational texts.</p>	<b>Item Type</b>	<b>Total Items Per Form</b>
	Selected-Response Multiple-Choice	42
	2-Point Autoscored Technology-Enhanced	2
	Passages	Up to 8
<p><b>TASC TEST WRITING</b></p> <p>In the Writing test, examinees will answer multiple-choice and technology-enhanced questions in which they must identify errors and make corrections in sentence structure, usage, mechanics, and organization. Examinees will also write a text-based essay.</p>	<b>Item Type</b>	<b>Total Items Per Form</b>
	Selected-Response Multiple-Choice	42
	2-Point Autoscored Technology-Enhanced	2
	Essay	1
<p><b>TASC TEST MATHEMATICS</b></p> <p>In the Mathematics test there are number and quantity, algebra, functions, and geometry questions, as well as some that cover statistics and probability. Most are word problems and involve real-life situations or ask examinees to interpret information presented in diagrams, charts, graphs, and tables. Section 1 of the Mathematics test allows examinees to use a calculator. A calculator is not used in Section 2. Examinees will also be given a page of Mathematic formulas to use during the test.</p>	<b>Item Type</b>	<b>Total Items Per Form</b>
	Selected-Response Multiple-Choice	37
	Gridded-Response	12
	2-Point Autoscored Technology-Enhanced	2
<p><b>TASC TEST SOCIAL STUDIES</b></p> <p>During the Social Studies test, examinees will be assigned with answering multiple-choice and technology-enhanced questions on history, economics, geography, civics, and government. The Social Studies test gauges examinees’ understanding of the basic principles in each of those areas. To do well, examinees must be able to read passages, illustrations, graphs, and charts.</p>	<b>Item Type</b>	<b>Total Items Per Form</b>
	Selected-Response Multiple-Choice	42
	2-Point Autoscored Technology-Enhanced	2
<p><b>TASC TEST SCIENCE</b></p> <p>Both multiple-choice and technology-enhanced questions are pulled from the fields of Physical Science, Life Science, and Earth and Space Science. Each discipline is subdivided into several Core Ideas, which each contain multiple performance expectations. Each test item assesses one performance expectation. Items may require recalling knowledge, applying knowledge and skills, or reasoning. The number of test items per Core Idea is proportional to the number of performance expectations within the Core Idea. As a result, each Core Idea will have about 2–5 items on a given test.</p>	<b>Item Type</b>	<b>Total Items Per Form</b>
	Selected-Response Multiple-Choice	42
	2-Point Autoscored Technology-Enhanced	2
	Shared Stimuli	Up to 5

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# TASC test—*moving you forward*

Subtest	English	Spanish
Reading	85 minutes	85 minutes
Writing	110 minutes (Includes 45 minutes for Writing Prompt)	110 minutes (Includes 45 minutes for Writing Prompt)
Mathematics Part 1 (Calculator Session) Mathematics part 2 (Non-Calculator Session)	55 minutes 50 minutes	55 minutes 50 minutes
Social Studies	75 minutes	75 minutes
Science	75 minutes	75 minutes

## Preparation

Deciding to go back and get your high school equivalency takes courage. You may have been out of school for a long time, only a few years, or even less. Still, preparing for the test, studying on your own, and practicing the answers to the questions is hard work.

The TASC test offers a variety of preparation materials to help learners like you prepare for the test. A list of the TASC test study materials can be found on [TASCTest.com](http://TASCTest.com).





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## Credentials Issued by Your State

The TASC test is a partnership between Data Recognition Corporation and each state which decides to use the test. This can include the District of Columbia, Canadian provinces and territories, the U.S. unincorporated territories (Guam, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, and American Samoa), the U.S. military and federal correctional institutions, and Veterans Administration hospitals.

- Much like state acceptance of a high school's accreditation, when a state adopts the TASC test as the test for high school equivalency, it will be considered the official test for that state.
- States that adopt the TASC test award a high school equivalency when you pass the test and satisfy any other requirements that might exist.
- One of the many benefits of the TASC test is the chance for you to continue your education. U.S. colleges and universities accept the TASC test as a qualification for admission.
- Passing the TASC test conveys that you have mastered high school-level academic skills, and U.S. employers accept the TASC test high school equivalency as equal to a traditional high school diploma.

## Pricing and Affordability

It is important that a high quality high school equivalency assessment remains available at a reasonable price. DRC developed the TASC test to keep the price affordable when you are ready to take this next big step. Test centers in states that have approved the TASC test are able to offer you one of the most affordable high school equivalency tests available today.

- The TASC test can cost significantly less than other high school equivalency tests, and you get a lot more for your dollar.
- Check with your local test center for specific TASC test pricing.

## Flexibility

The TASC test does not need to be administered in any special location. The test can be taken at any state-approved testing site. This ensures that the test is easy for you to take without traveling long distances.

- Multiple forms of the TASC test are available each year in English and Spanish, in online and paper-and-pencil versions.
- Alternate formats, including large print, Braille, and audio, are also offered.

## New Test Content

The TASC test delivers the newest high school school equivalency content available. It is aligned to Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE) National College and Career Standards for Adult Education, Next Generation Science Standards, and Social Studies national frameworks.



# Test What do I do next? Where do I go?

## Passing Scores

The minimum passing score is 500 for Literacy, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. The TASC Writing subtest has one additional requirement—the examinee must score at least 500 and achieve at least a two out of the eight possible points on the Writing essay.

## Passing the TASC Test

The TASC test is aligned with today's high school standards. The difficulty level needed to pass the TASC test can be compared to the level of difficulty of earning a high school diploma today.

The shift to Career and College Readiness standards is currently happening nationwide. By shifting the content of the test now, but keeping the passing standard for high school equivalency matched with performance of graduating high school seniors (who have not yet had instruction in career-and-college-ready content), this enables you to:

- Achieve high school equivalency on the same basis as your current high school graduate counterparts.
- Receive performance feedback about your level of skills and readiness for career and college.
- Attain guidance that will be useful for charting your course forward into postsecondary education or the workforce, where future skills requirements will exceed what is currently necessary to achieve high school equivalency.

## Eligibility

You must meet the following criteria to take the TASC test:

- Not currently enrolled in high school
- Not graduated from high school
- At least 16 years old
- All local requirements for your state or territory regarding age, residency, and length of time since leaving school

## Register and Find a Center

The TASC test is available at test locations in approved TASC test states, which include numerous community colleges and adult learning facilities. You may have the option to register yourself online or decide where to take the exam. Explore your test taking options at [TASCTest.com](http://TASCTest.com).



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