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TASC Testing In North Carolina

Frequently Asked Questions

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State Testing Requirements

What is required to be eligible to earn a North Carolina High School Equivalency Diploma?

Test Takers who wish to take the TASC Test and earn the High School Equivalency diploma in the State of North Carolina must:

- Meet the age requirements established by the State of North Carolina
- Provide valid proof of identity and age
- Must pass all 5 subtests of the TASC Test
- Must pass all 5 subtests in the same language edition
- Must take the last TASC Test in North Carolina to earn the North Carolina HSE diploma

Can I transfer out of state scores to North Carolina?

Yes, you can transfer scores from out of state to North Carolina. To start the process you may access the Interstate Testing Request Form using the following link:

<http://ctbassessments.com/pdfs/TASCtestInterstateTestForms.pdf>

How old do I have to be to take the TASC Test?

- **18 years and older** - Anyone over **18 years of age**, with valid photo identification, is eligible to take the TASC test.
- **16 and 17 years olds** - The North Carolina TASC testing program requires that all candidates **16 and 17 years of age** obtain special approval to take the TASC test. Contact your local North Carolina Basic Skills Education program for the appropriate form(s).
<http://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/about-us/main-campuses>
- **Below 16 years of age** - If you are younger than **16 years of age** you are ineligible to take the TASC test.

Do I need to be a resident of North Carolina to take the TASC Test?

North Carolina residency is not required to take the TASC Test.

What proofs of identity are required to take the TASC Test?

You must present a current government issued photo ID each time you test. Acceptable identification is a current (not expired) government-issued photo ID: Driver's License, passport, military ID or other form of government-issued (national or foreign) ID that shows name, address, date of birth, signature and photograph. Outdated or expired identification is not accepted. If your license has expired, North Carolina does not accept it as a valid form of ID even when accompanied by the Department of Motor Vehicles renewal certificate.

Acceptable photo-bearing identification includes current (non-expired):

- Driver's license
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- State issued identification

- Military identification
- Valid passport
- Permanent Resident Card
- Consulate ID

Is there a Readiness Assessment I can take to know if I could pass the TASC Test?

The TASC Test offers Readiness Assessments through many high school equivalency test preparation programs. If you are interested in taking a readiness test, contact your local community college at <http://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/about-us/main-campuses> for more information.

Do I have to take the Readiness Assessment to register for the TASC Test?

No, you are not required to take the readiness assessment to be eligible to take the TASC Test.

Do I have to be enrolled in adult education classes to take TASC Tests?

No, you are not required to be enrolled in adult education classes to take the TASC Test, but we encourage testers to take advantage of free TASC Test preparation at any one of our 58 community colleges. Find a community college here

<http://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/about-us/main-campuses>

Cost and Payment Options

How much does it cost to take the TASC Test?

- The TASC Test battery, which consists of 5 subtests (Reading, Writing, Math, Social Studies and Science) costs \$56 (or \$11.20 per subtest).
 - The \$56 battery fee for your first test includes all 5 subtests, **plus** up to 2 retests per content area/subtest if a passing score has not been obtained.
 - The \$11.20 single subject test fee for the first test includes the subject area test **plus 2** retakes on that same test if a passing score has not been obtained.
 - If you wish to retake the TASC Test for a higher score must pay the DRC subtest(s) cost.

Payments must be made online and can be made using any Master Card®, Visa® or American Express® credit, debit, or gift card.

Finding a Testing Location

How can I locate a testing center?

Click [here](#) to locate a test center near you. The TASC Test is available at test centers across the state.

Registering for the TASC Test

How can I register to take the TASC Test?

Registration for the TASC test is done online. If you meet the eligibility requirements outlined above you must register to take the TASC test [here](#). Click [here](#) for a printable step by step directions to register for your exams.

Scheduling the TASC Test

How can I schedule a TASC test?

Scheduling the TASC tests is done online via the Examinee Portal. Once you have created and validated your account you can begin the scheduling process by [logging into in your account](#), selecting a test center and requesting a testing appointment. The state of North Carolina requires that you request a testing appointment at least 24 hours in advance of the test. Click [here](#) for step-by-step directions to schedule and pay for your TASC Tests.

Taking the TASC Test

Do I have to take the test on the computer?

The TASC Test is available as a paper and pencil test and a computer-based test. You can select which format you would like to take when scheduling your exam.

Can I take some tests by computer and other tests by paper and pencil?

Yes, North Carolina allows students to combine computer-and paper-based tests as long as they are all in the same language.

Do I have to take the entire group of subject area tests, or can I take each one until I pass? There are no rules about the order in which the different tests must be taken; however, we do not recommend taking all TASC Tests in one day. You may take each sub-test one at a time until you pass or, you can take all the different subtests before retesting on any particular exam.

What do I need to bring with me on the day I am scheduled to test?

You must present a valid photo ID on your test day when you arrive at the test center. A valid photo ID includes a government-issued ID or Driver's License, passport, military ID or other form of government-issued (national or foreign) ID that shows name, address, date of birth, signature and photograph. Outdated or expired identification is not accepted. If your license has expired, North Carolina does not accept it as a valid form of ID even when accompanied by the Department of Motor Vehicles renewal certificate.

See the State Testing Requirements section contained in this document.

How do I request special testing accommodations?

All the information you need to request accommodations is available [here](#). Start by reading the Examinee Guidelines for Requesting Special testing accommodations. The TASC Test is offered in alternate formats, such as large print and Braille, and may be administered with additional resources and/or accommodations for examinees with the necessary documentation.

Language Options for Testing

Is the TASC Test available in any other language by English?

The TASC Test is offered in English and Spanish only.

Do I have to take all the subject specific tests in one language or can I take some subjects in one language and the others in another?

The State of North Carolina does NOT allow examinees to combine the language editions of the TASC Test. If you start your TASC Tests in Spanish, you must complete in Spanish and if you begin in English you must complete in English.

Retest Rules

How long must I wait before I can retake a subject area test I do not pass?

There is no waiting period between same-subject retests for the first 3 attempts; however, a six month waiting period is required after 3 failed attempts.

Can I retest for a higher score?

You are welcome to retake a previously passed subtest for a higher score. When retaking the test for a higher score will be charged the usual TASC subtest fee of \$10.40.

Is there an expiration date on the retakes that are included on initial test purchases?

The two retest attempts included in the DRC battery fee must be taken within one year of the initial test date. Click [here](#) to read more about the retake policy as it relate to initial test purchases.

Test Scores

How long will it take to get my TASC Test scores?

Unofficial scores are available online via your TASC Test Account 2-3 business days after taking computer-based tests and approximately 14 business days after paper based testing.

What is the passing score for the TASC Test?

A minimum score of 500 must be achieved on each subject area TASC Test. Additionally, you must earn at least a 2 on the essay portion of the writing test to pass the TASC Test.

Can I earn honors designation on my TASC Tests?

Yes, the **TASC Test Distinguished Achievement Benchmark** acknowledges a higher level of achievement earned by examinees in the areas of Mathematics, Reading, and Writing. The TASC Test Distinguished Achievement scale score cuts vary, with the Reading cut score higher (580) than those for Mathematics and Writing (560). In addition to a Writing Score of 560 you will need to earn at least 6 out of 8 on the essay portion of the writing test. For more information on the Distinguished Scores click [here](#).

Transcripts and Diplomas

How can I get a transcript and my certificate after testing?

Upon successful completion of your TASC Tests, you can receive one fee diploma and transcript. To request the free diploma and transcript you must contact North Carolina TASC Test Records Requests by clicking [here](#).

Preparing for the TASC Test

What do you recommend to prepare for the TASC Test?

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Additionally, there are a variety of free TASC Test preparation materials [here](#).