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TASC Testing in New York State

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New York State Testing Requirements

What's required to be eligible to earn a New York High School Equivalency Diploma?

Examinees who wish to take the TASC Test and obtain a HSE diploma in the State of New York must:

- Meet the Age and Residency requirements established by the State of New York;
- Provide valid proof of Identity, Age, and Residency;
- Not have graduated from an accredited high school or received a high school equivalency diploma
- Not be currently enrolled in a regular high school program of instruction leading to a high school diploma or previously earned scores on the HSE Tests sufficient to qualify for a high school equivalency diploma/certificate.
- And receive passing credit for all 5 subtests of the TASC Test.

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

In order to take the TASC Test you must have lived within the State of New York for at least **thirty days by** the first day of TASC testing AND

- i. be **19 years of age** or over by the first day of testing; OR
- ii. be **at least 17 years of age** by the first day of testing, AND have reached maximum compulsory school attendance age AND
 - a. have been out of school for a period of at least one year or
 - b. be a member of a high school class which has already graduated; OR
 - c. be incarcerated or institutionalized OR
 - d. be an adjudicated youth under the direction of a prison, jail, detention center, Office of Children and Family Services facility, parole or probation OR
 - e. be enrolled in an alternative high school equivalency (AHSEP) program OR
 - f. have applied to the United States Armed Forces; OR
 - g. have applied to a college or post-secondary institution OR
 - h. be currently enrolled in a Job Corps program OR
 - i. have been home schooled OR
 - j. be foreign born and has never attended K-12 schools in the United States OR

And

Examinee must send proof of age eligibility (Attachments B, D, E, F, or T-TAF Forms) to the testing center along with Attachment A (Application for TASC Testing) available at:

<http://www.acces.nysed.gov/hse/high-school-equivalency-hse-forms>

- iii. **be at least 16 years of age** or over by the first day of testing AND have reached maximum compulsory school attendance age AND
 - a. be enrolled in an alternative high school equivalency (AHSEP) program OR
 - b. have applied to a college or post-secondary institution OR
 - c. have applied to the United States Armed Forces; OR
 - d. have been home schooled

And

Examinee must send proof of age eligibility (Attachments B, D, E, F, or T-TAF Forms) to the testing center along with Attachment A (Application for TASC Testing) available at:

<http://www.acces.nysed.gov/hse/high-school-equivalency-hse-forms>

Below 16 years of age – If you are younger than 16 years of age you are ineligible to take the TASC test.

For complete information on TASC™ testing eligibility requirements, see:

<http://www.acces.nysed.gov/hse/application-process-and-eligibility-requirements>

Can I transfer out of state scores to New York?

Yes, you can transfer scores from out of state to New York. To start the process you may access the Interstate Testing Request Form using the following link: <http://tasctest.com/pdfs/TASCTestInterstateTestForms.pdf>

Do I need to be a resident of New York to take the TASC Test?

You must be a resident of New York for a minimum of 30 days to take TASC Test. You will be required to show proof of residency prior to testing.

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

The following are proofs of eligibility you must provide to the Test Center on the day of testing:

- a. Valid New York State Driver's License
- b. New York State "non-driver's ID"
- c. New York State Automobile Registration
- d. Copies of most recent complete New York State tax return and corresponding W-2 form
- e. New York State apartment lease signed by landlord
- f. Deed or mortgage statement
- g. Monthly bank or credit card statement
- h. Voter registration card
- i. Selective service card
- j. Homeowners or renter's insurance policy
- k. Telephone or utility bills or payment of services such as Cable TV

- l. Attendance as a juror in New York State
- m. New York City Municipal ID

Without an identification document, the examinee will be turned away and not allowed to test (although they may reschedule their exam once all three forms are available).

Cost and Payment Options

How much does it cost to take the TASC Test?

If you live in New York State, the test is free.

Finding a Testing Location

How can I locate a testing center?

Click [here](#) to find a test center, register and schedule your TASC Test.

Registering for the TASC Test

How can I register to take the TASC Test?

Registration for the TASC Test is done online on the New York registration portal at:

<https://newyork.tasctest.com/Default.asp>

If you meet the eligibility requirements, you must register at this site to take the TASC Test. Please click the following link at <http://www.acces.nysed.gov/hse/hse-testing-maps> to find a TASC Test center near you.

Scheduling for the TASC Test

How can I schedule a TASC Test?

You must schedule your TASC Test with the test center. Click [here](#) to find test centers near you and check their testing schedules. Choose a test center and a testing date. Find the application to take the TASC Test, Attachment A, [here](#). Complete the Attachment A and mail it to the test center of your choice.

Taking the TASC Test

Do I have to take the test on the computer?

In New York the TASC Test is available as both a Paper/Pencil test and a computer-based test. You can select which format you would like to take when scheduling your exam.

Please click on link: [Online Testing: It's Easier than You Think \(Video\)](#) to view video.

Click [here](#) for an Online Interactive Demo

Do I have to take the entire group of subject area tests, or can I take each one until I pass?

In New York you are not required to complete all 5 subtests of the TASC Test within the same test session (eight calendar days from the first day of testing). However, it is recommended as examinees must wait a minimum of sixty (60) days between test sessions when retesting, and examinees may not test more than three (3) times in a calendar year.

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

On all days of testing, you must bring proof of identification and residency as specified in State Testing Requirements.

How do I request special testing accommodations?

If you need a special testing accommodation, you must submit an application and receive a TASC Test approval letter before scheduling exams. Click [here](#) to access any necessary forms and information. 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 than 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?

During a single test session, you may only take either the English or Spanish language version. But, you may mix Spanish and English language versions to earn an HSE diploma. If you pass all five subtests and pass the Reading and Writing subtests using the English language version, you will receive an HSE diploma with an English language designation. If you pass the Reading and Writing subtests of the Spanish language edition of the TASC Test, you will receive a high school equivalency diploma with a Spanish language designation, but, you may later retake the Reading and Writing subtests in English to earn an HSE diploma with an English designation.

Retest Rules

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

You must wait sixty (60) days from the first day of your previous test session to retest. You may take the TASC Test up to three times in a calendar year.

Can I retest for a higher score?

Once you have received an HSE diploma, you may only retest for a higher score under very specific and extremely limited circumstances, if approved by the state High School Equivalency (HSE) Office. Send an email explaining why you want to retest to HSE@nysed.gov to obtain a waiver.

Test Scores

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

Unofficial scores are available online via your TASC Test Account on the NY Examinee Portal (Create account after registering at test center at <https://newyork.tasctest.com/Default.asp>), 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.

Transcripts and Diplomas

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

Please allow six to eight weeks for your results. Your high school equivalency transcript or diploma will be mailed to you.

Preparing for the TASC Test

There are many organizations across New York State that provide assistance with test preparation. Find a HSE preparation program near you at <http://www.acces.nysed.gov/hse/hse-prep-programs-maps>

Community Colleges across New York State also provide TASC Test preparation programs. To find a Community College in your area visit http://www.community-college.org/new_york_community_college.html

What do you recommend to prepare for the TASC Test?

Everyone is different. You may do fine studying on your own or you may have better results by enrolling in a Test Preparation program.

Click [here](#) to find a program near you.

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

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, ask your Program Coordinator or Instructor about the TASC Readiness Assessment.