ABOUT THE 2014 GED® TEST: FROM THE GED TESTING SERVICE

What is the test format?
The test is on computer.

Will the content change drastically from the current 2002 Series GED® Test?
The content of the 2014 GED® test does differ from that tested on the 2002 Series GED® Test. Refer to the resource on our website called “2002 to 2014: A Content Comparison” available at the following link: http://www.gedtestingservice.com/uploads/files/2487f6e1ca5659684cbe1f8b16f564d0.pdf

What is the breakdown of the four tests by time and content?
The GED® test will be about seven and a half hours long with the timing for each subject area as follows:

The Reasoning Through Language Arts test is 150 minutes long and testing is broken down into three sections:

- Section 1 (35 minutes*) tests all content
- Section 2 (45 minutes) is the Extended Response portion of the test
- Student break (10 minutes)
- Section 3 (60 minutes*) tests all content

*The time allotted for sections 1 and 3 may vary slightly, but the total test time will always be 150 minutes.

The Mathematical Reasoning test is 115 minutes long and is one single section.

- Part 1 – (first 5 test questions) calculator not allowed
- Part 2 – (remaining 41 test questions) calculator allowed

Students must submit their answers before moving on to the rest of the test. These parts are not timed separately.

The Social Studies test is 90 minutes long and testing is broken down into two sections:

- Section 1 (65 minutes) tests all content
- Section 2 (25 minutes) is the Extended Response portion of the test

The Science test is 90 minutes long and is one single section. There are two Short Answer questions included on the test, but they are not timed separately. Students are expected to manage their time and spend about 10 minutes on each of the Short Answer questions.

Is keyboarding speed an issue? How does this influence test time?
The time given is adequate for students to construct their answer and key in their response. Field testing has demonstrated that even test-takers with minimal keyboarding skills have adequate time.

Are questions linear or computer adaptive?
Linear.

Will there still be multiple versions (forms) of each subject test?
Yes, as in any high quality standardized testing program, multiple equivalent forms of the test will be administered to test-takers to ensure that test security is maintained and to offer multiple testing
opportunities to test-takers who might not pass on their first attempt. The 2014 GED® test offers three forms in English and three forms in Spanish.

**Can students take the same form of the test over again?**
The system will have 3 forms of the test and make sure that a student does not take the same form twice. Please Note: Students can re-test on the same form after 60 days since the last test.

**If a student tests in both English and Spanish, will the 60-day wait period still apply after they test three times?**
Retake rules are enforced for test-takers retesting in different languages. For example, if a test-taker takes an English test three times, then moves to a Spanish test, the GED Testing Service 60-day wait period is enforced. If a jurisdiction has additional retesting requirements, these requirements will also be enforced.

**TEST POLICIES**

**Are there requirements for students to participate?**
GED Testing Service does not have any participation requirements. Normal state policies and requirements apply.

**Do students have to pay for all of the tests at once?**
GED Testing Service has no requirement that test-takers pay for all tests at one time. One of the advantages of the 2014 GED® program is the flexibility that it allows test-takers to register and take only the subjects for which they are prepared, instead of testing on a schedule that is built primarily for the convenience of the test administrator.

**Can students still take tests separately on different dates?**
Yes, this is one of the key advantages of computer-based registration, scheduling, and testing, so that test-takers can take the test according to their preferred schedule, rather than having to adhere to a paper-based testing schedule set by an examiner primarily for the convenience of the examiner doing a group administration.

**Will requirements be the same? Taking only three times in a calendar year… etc.**
GED Testing Service allows individuals to take the test three times without any waiting period. After the third attempt, test-takers must wait 60-days after their last attempt before they can test again. This will result in test-takers having up to eight opportunities to test in a year, should they require that many attempts.

**If a student fails any one section of the test, he/she will have to take the whole battery again, even the average of all sections is above the passing score? True or false?**
False. If a test-taker obtains a passing score on one of the modules, he or she is finished with that module and need not take it again, even if other modules have not been passed and need to be retaken. Of course, if someone wishes to obtain a higher score and obtain feedback on his or her skills and competencies, there is nothing that prevents retaking the test, but that is certainly not required.

**How do my students schedule their discounted retakes?**
They can use their discounted retakes by simply logging into their MyGED™ account and scheduling their GED® test the same way they scheduled their initial test. When students start the scheduling process, they'll see the non-discounted test price. Once they select their test, test time, and testing center, they'll be taken to the checkout screen where their price will automatically reflect the discount. Students can also contact the call center and schedule directly over the phone.
Students can take sections of the new GED® test in any order they want to. Do they pay as they go?
Yes, one of the advantages of the computer-based registration and scheduling system is that students can register, schedule, and pay for only those parts of the test that they are ready to take.

Will there a timeframe for a student to complete all four test? Will this be set by each state or by the GED Testing Service?
The GED Testing Service does not have policies stipulating a minimum timeframe within which all four GED® test modules must be completed. However, certain jurisdictions do have policies around this and those jurisdictional policies would need to be complied with if they apply to a test-taker’s circumstances.

Can a student take the test one part at a time or do they need to take the test all at the same time?
Students may take any or all parts of the test at their option and convenience, limited only by the availability of testing appointments on the date and time of their choosing.

Are there a number of days in which a student needs to complete all four tests?
GED Testing Service does not make any restrictions on that.

Does the test have to be taken on a Pearson VUE computer?
No, they just need to meet basic security and technology requirements.

PREPARATION AND PRACTICE TEST
Is an official practice test available online?
Yes, GED Ready™: The Official Practice Test is available through MyGED™ at http://www.ged.com in an online version (delivered over the Internet).

Will students have to pay to take a practice test?
GED Ready™: The Official Practice Test is available from our publishing partners for a nominal fee – $4 per subject for adult education programs and $6 per subject for individual students not participating in adult education programs. It is also available through MyGED™ at GED.com. The test is primarily available in an online version, although a non-Internet computer-based version is available for use in corrections settings where test-takers are not allowed Internet access.

Are there free online practice tests?

Is there a charge for the computer-based prep materials and if so, what will the mechanism for paying for the use of computerized materials be?
Yes, there is a fee for preparation materials purchased from commercial publishers, just as there always has been. Various publishers have different methods of charging for their materials, and you would have to check with them for details. To learn more about the publishers working with us, visit our 2014 GED® program publishers page.

Are there materials printed to use in the classroom?
Study materials are expected to be available in a wide variety of formats, including printed materials. To learn more about the publishers working with us, visit our 2014 GED® program publishers page.

Are study materials available only through Pearson or do other publishers carry them?
Study materials are available from a wide range of publishers. Many of those materials are available for students on GEDMarketplace.com To learn more about the publishers working with us, visit our 2014 GED® program publishers page.
Do libraries carry GED® study materials?
It is likely that libraries have materials related to the 2014 GED® program.

What sample tests are available?
A variety of sample materials are available, including:

- Sample items at [http://www.gedtestingservice.com/educators/itemsampler](http://www.gedtestingservice.com/educators/itemsampler)
- The free practice test at [http://www.gedtestingservice.com/educators/freepracticetest](http://www.gedtestingservice.com/educators/freepracticetest)
- GED Ready™: The Official Practice Test is available through the MyGED™ portal at [GED.com](http://www.gedtestingservice.com/)

How can someone get a good idea of how he or she would expect to score at each level?
GED Ready™: The Official Practice Test is now available to adult learners through the MyGED™ portal at [GED.com](http://www.gedtestingservice.com/). Individuals taking GED Ready™ receive a detailed score report with a scaled score indicating their likelihood of passing the operational GED® test. Test-takers will receive a score within one of three levels: Red Zone (not likely to pass), Yellow Zone (too close to call), or Green Zone (likely to pass). Their score report also includes descriptions of the skills they have demonstrated at their performance level, and descriptions of the skills that they need to work on to move into the next performance level.

Who scores GED Ready™: The Official Practice Test?
The computer scores all items on GED Ready™ with the exception of the constructed response items, which are scored by adult educators using the scoring tools that are available on our web site at [http://www.gedtestingservice.com/educators/2014testresources](http://www.gedtestingservice.com/educators/2014testresources).

Is GED Ready™: The Official Practice Test available on pencil and paper?
The GED Ready™ is not available in a paper format. Since the 2014 GED® test is a computer-based test, the GED Ready™ must also be computer-based, in order to prepare test-takers appropriately for the test-taking experience and to provide them with a score that is predictive of the score they may receive on the operational GED® test.

Will practice tests be available in Spanish?
Yes. The free practice test is available in Spanish at [gedtestingservice.com/freepracticetest](http://www.gedtestingservice.com/freepracticetest). GED Ready™ is available in Spanish on MyGED™ at [GED.com](http://www.gedtestingservice.com/)

Will there be a secure practice test that can be used as a required qualifier for GED® testing?
Yes, GED Ready™: The Official Practice Test can be used to qualify individuals to take the GED® test. Test takers who receive a score in the ‘green’ zone on a GED Ready subject area test are likely to pass at the high school equivalency level on the corresponding subject of the operational GED test.

Green zones for each subject area test vary. See table below. As of 8/2015, approximately 80% of test-takers who scored in this range on the GED Ready test went on to pass that subject area of the GED test.

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Can GED Ready™: The Official Practice Test for corrections be used in the classroom or only in testing area?
GED Ready™ in corrections or otherwise may be used in an instructional setting, keeping in mind that for the score to be truly predictive of how a student will score on the operational GED® test, the administration conditions need to be as similar as possible to an actual testing environment. GED Ready™ is available offline for correctional facilities.

How many practice test forms will there be?
As of 8/2015, we have 4 versions of each GED Ready® subject area test in English, 3 versions of the Math test in Spanish, and 2 versions of RLA, Science and Social Studies in Spanish. New versions of Spanish are in development. Tests are updated each year, and some versions may be retired over time. If you choose to take the same subject area test over again, note that you will most likely see a different version of the test each time. This is determined by the email address you use to take the test, and how many times you are re-taking the same subject area test.

Is there an offline version of the 2014 GED® test tutorial?
Yes, there is an offline version of the tutorial for use in corrections and other locations without Internet connectivity. The computer skills tutorial is available on our web site at http://www.gedtestingservice.com/educators/2014testresources in both English and Spanish language versions and in both online and offline versions for each language.

Is GED Ready™: The Official Practice Test a full-length practice test?
We have no plans to offer a full-length practice test. The 2002 Series full-length test was not widely used, as it was deemed too lengthy for practical use in adult education programs in general. GED Ready™ is a half-length test.

Is the computer tutorial free?
Yes, the computer tutorial for the 2014 GED® test is available free of charge on our website at http://www.gedtestingservice.com/educators/2014testresources.

Is the tutorial available to those preparing to test or at the time of testing?
The computer-skills tutorial for the 2014 GED® test must be accessed prior to the actual testing appointment. For the 2014 GED® test, the tutorial is available 24/7 on MyGED™ at GED.com under Test Tips.

Will there be software that teachers can use to help students practice computer skills before the test?
The computer skills tutorial is available from GED Testing Service at no cost at http://www.gedtestingservice.com/educators/2014testresources.