



THE 2012 TESTS OF GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT (GED® TESTS)

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO TAKE THE GED TESTS?

The current eligibility requirements to take the GED Tests are as follows*:

- ✓ 17 years of age or older
- ✓ Not a high school or a GED graduate
- ✓ Resident of the State of Illinois for 30 days

*For questions regarding these eligibility requirements including those 16 years of age and for those with court orders, contact the Regional Office of Education for the county where you live listed below. No one under the age of 16 is allowed to take the GED Tests.

WHAT SUBJECTS ARE COVERED ON THE GED TESTS?

The GED Tests usually require some preparation because they measure the skills and knowledge of a graduating high school senior. **The GED Tests measure knowledge in five different areas:**

1. Language Arts, Writing (includes writing an essay)
2. Social Studies
3. Science
4. Language Arts, Reading
5. Mathematics

In addition, you must pass a Constitution Test if you are taking the GED Test in Illinois.

WHO GIVES THE GED TESTS AND WHERE DO I REGISTER?

The GED Tests are generally given once each month by the Regional Office of Education. . **You must register for the test in person at the Regional Office of Education for the county where you live.**

PEORIA COUNTY

Regional Office of Education
Peoria County Courthouse
324 Main Street, Room 401
Peoria, IL 61602-1309

(309) 672-6906

TAZEWELL COUNTY

Regional Office of Education
Tazewell Building
414 W. Court Street, Suite 104
Pekin, IL 61554

(309) 477-2290

WOODFORD COUNTY

Regional Office of Education
117 S. Jefferson
Washburn, IL 61570

(309) 248-8212

WHAT DOES IT COST TO TAKE THE GED TESTS?

The cost to take the tests is \$50.00. This fee includes the cost to take the tests and to be issued a GED certificate.

WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING WHEN I REGISTER FOR THE GED TESTS?

- ✓ An **acceptable form of identification** that displays your name, address, date of birth, signature, and photograph must be shown at the time of registration. These are considered acceptable: an Illinois driver's license or Illinois State ID or valid passport. (Contact Regional Offices of Education for questions regarding other acceptable forms of identification.)
- ✓ If you are 17 or 18 years of age, you must provide **official documentation from the last school you attended** that indicates that you are withdrawn and that contains your last date of attendance.
- ✓ If you passed the **Constitution Test** in a high school or Adult Education program in Illinois, you must bring verification from your high school/Adult Education program in the form of a letter or transcript that indicates that you passed this test.
- ✓ **You must have \$50.00 in cash** for the test fee.

WHERE ARE THE GED TESTS GIVEN?

PEORIA COUNTY

The test is given in the Workforce Development Office One Technology Plaza 211 Fulton Street, 3rd floor Peoria.

TAZEWELL COUNTY

The test is given in the Tazewell Building, 414 w. Court Street, Suite 100 Pekin.

WOODFORD COUNTY

Applicants go to Bureau, McLean, Peoria or Tazewell County for the test.

WHEN ARE THE GED TESTS GIVEN?

Because there are a limited number of openings for each test date, you must register before the dates listed below.

PEORIA COUNTY

January 20 & 21, 2012	July 13 & 14, 2012
February 24 & 25, 2012	August 10 & 11, 2012
March 23 & 24, 2012	September 14 & 15, 2012
April 13 & 14, 2012	October 12 & 13, 2012
May 11 & 12, 2012	November 9 & 10, 2012
June 8 & 9, 2012	December 7 & 8, 2012

TAZEWELL COUNTY

*IF YOU NEED TO ONLY RETAKE A PORTION OF THE GED TEST, CALL (309) 477-2290 FOR SPECIAL RETEST DATES.

January 17 & 18, 2012	July 17 & 18, 2012
February 14 & 15, 2012	August 14 & 15, 2012
March 20 & 21, 2012	September 18 & 19, 2012
April 10 & 11, 2012	October 16 & 17, 2012
May 15 & 16, 2012	November 13 & 14, 2012
June 19 & 20, 2012	December 11 & 12, 2012

AT WHAT TIMES ARE THE GED TESTS GIVEN?

**PEORIA COUNTY
TESTING TIMES**

Friday 5:30 p.m.* – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m.* – 1:00 p.m.

***You must arrive 10 minutes before testing times.**

Must have acceptable form of I.D. on both days of testing.

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HOW LONG DO THE GED TESTS TAKE?

The tests take approximately eight and one-half hours: four and one-half hours on Friday evening and five hours on Saturday. **You must attend both test days and times.**

WHAT HAPPENS IF I CAN'T GO THE DATES I'M REGISTERED TO TAKE THE GED TESTS?

If you cannot test on your scheduled dates, you must notify the Regional Office of Education where you registered for the tests at least 24 hours before your testing date. If you do not, you lose your right to a refund of your registration fee. (Contact your Regional Office of Education for specific guidelines.)

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO GET MY SCORES ON THE GED TESTS?

Approximately two weeks after you have taken the GED Tests, you will receive your scores and be notified if you passed or failed.

WHAT IS A PASSING SCORE ON THE GED TESTS?

To pass the GED Tests, you must receive a **total score of 2250** or an **average of 450** on each test. You must score at least 410 on each of the individual tests.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I FAIL THE GED TESTS?

If you fail the tests, it is strongly suggested that you review the subject areas you failed or need to strengthen in order to pass the GED Tests. Depending on your scores, you may need to retake all or only parts of the GED Tests. (Contact your Regional Office of Education for more specific guidelines and fees for retaking the GED Tests.)

If you retake the GED Tests, your highest score on any individual test will stand. For example, if you score 450 in math the first time you take the test and score 420 the second time, your score of 450 will stand. You cannot lower your score if you retake the GED Test.

WHERE CAN I GET INFORMATION ABOUT GED PREPARATION CLASSES?

Contact the **Illinois Central College GED Office at (309) 694-5240** for enrollment information for free GED review classes.



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- LINK #1 <http://www.peoriacounty.org/roe/ged>
- LINK #2 <http://www.tazewell.com/taz-roe53.html>
- LINK #3 http://www.roe43.k12.il.us/ged_nu.htm