

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION Shepard Building 255 Westminster Street Providence, Rhode Island 02903-3400

Rhode Island Department of Education Office Adult Education

- 1. Title of State Credential: High School Equivalency Diploma
- 2. Requirements for Issuance of Diploma:
 - a. **Minimum test scores**: A standard score of 410 on each of the five tests and an average standard score of 450 on all five tests. The minimum test score equal 2,250.
 - b. **Minimum age**: At least 18 years of age, and not enrolled in secondary school, or, if, under 18 years of age, the class in which the candidate was last enrolled has graduated.
- 3. Requirements for Testing:
 - 1. **Minimum age for testing**: Persons not meeting the age requirements in 2b, maybe permitted to take the test under one of the following conditions.
 - (a) Is 17 years of age, not enrolled in secondary school, and has received special permission to test from the Chief Examiner of the testing center to which application is made, or;
 - (b) Is 16 years of age, not enrolled in secondary school for at least six months and has received permission to test from the Commissioner of Education.
- 4. Requirements for Retesting: A candidate may retest after she/he has had the opportunity to prepared further (usually 6 months after successful completion of a preparatory course), or at the discretion of the Chief Examiner.
- 5. **Methods of Applying**: Application may be made in person through a local GED Testing Center.

- 6. Official Transcripts: Test scores are accepted as official only when reported directly by:
 - a. Official GED Testing Center
 - Transcript Service of the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES)
 - c. Veterans Administration Hospital and Centers
 - d. The GED Testing Service
- 7. Fees:
- a. Testing at Official Testing Centers is \$55.00. This rate includes issuance of diploma and official transcript.
- b. Transcript & Duplicate Diploma charge \$5.00
- c. Issuance of diploma is \$5.00 when tests are taken in the service or at official GED testing centers outside of Rhode Island
- 8. GED Testing Program Staff:

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