

## YOUTH RECEIVING HOME INSTRUCTION OBTAINING A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

### How can I obtain a Maryland High School Diploma?

You can take and pass the GED® test. Upon passing the GED® test, you will be issued your Maryland High School Diploma and can request transcripts demonstrating you obtained your high school diploma credential.

### How can I prepare and determine if I am ready to take the GED® test?

There are several ways to prepare and determine your readiness to take the GED® test:

1. **FIND RESOURCES:** Go to [www.gedtestingservice.com/publishers/](http://www.gedtestingservice.com/publishers/) for a list of publishers that have been approved by the GED Testing Service®. The list will indicate which publishers offer the GED Ready® practice test.
2. **STUDY:** Go to [www.ged.com](http://www.ged.com) and click on “Get Study Materials” to purchase books that provide GED® study materials. Some publications provide full-length and half-length paper practice tests.
3. **TAKE THE FREE PRACTICE TEST:** Go to [www.gedtestingservice.com/educators/freepracticetest](http://www.gedtestingservice.com/educators/freepracticetest) for an initial preview of the content and technology that are part of the 2014 GED® test. Provides answer explanation on each question with no computer scoring.
4. **TAKE THE OFFICIAL PRACTICE TEST, GED READY®:** Go to [www.ged.com](http://www.ged.com) and click on “Get Study Materials” to purchase the GED Ready® test. The scoring on the GED Ready® test will provide feedback on your readiness to take the GED® test with a suggested study plan.

### If I am under the age of 19, what documentation do I need to provide the Maryland GED® Office to schedule and take the GED® test?

1. Create your GED® account at [www.ged.com](http://www.ged.com).
2. Go to [www.gogedgo.org](http://www.gogedgo.org), click on “School Withdrawal/Verification Form” then click on the Home Instruction Form, and print and complete the GED® Office Home Instruction Verification Form.
3. Take or mail the form to your jurisdictional home instruction office to be completed.
4. Fax the form to 410-225-7206 or scan and e-mail the form to [ged.dllr@maryland.gov](mailto:ged.dllr@maryland.gov).
5. After submission of the verification form, allow 48 hours processing time for release of the hold.
6. Check your GED® account periodically to ensure your age alert hold has been taken off. If the hold has not been taken off after 2 business days, call the GED® office at 410-767-0936 for assistance.

### Who do I contact with questions about the GED® test?

The answers to most questions about the GED® test can be found on the GED Testing Service® website at [www.gedtestingservice.com/testers/mygedfaqs](http://www.gedtestingservice.com/testers/mygedfaqs).

For questions specific to Maryland policies and procedures, you can go to the GED® Maryland State Policy page at [www.gedtestingservice.com/testers/policy\\_md](http://www.gedtestingservice.com/testers/policy_md), or visit our website at [www.gogedgo.org](http://www.gogedgo.org), or you can call the Maryland GED office at 410-767-0936