

INFORMATION NOTICE

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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: GED PROFICIENCY TESTING ALERT

The purpose of this Information Notice is to alert the workforce community that, beginning January 2, 2014, a new, redesigned General Educational Development (GED) proficiency test will be implemented by the GED Testing Service and will only be administered online.

The GED Testing Service's test results are the only scores which the California Department of Education accepts for awarding the California High School Equivalency Certificate (often referred to as the "GED Certificate").

To qualify for this certificate, all participants taking the current GED sub-tests must pass all sub-tests by December 31, 2013. Failure to pass one or more sub-tests by this date will void all successful test results and require full retesting beginning January 2, 2014, using the new test and the computerized testing process.

If you have not already done so, we encourage you to consult with your local adult education partners to learn how these changes are being implemented locally, including whether the adult education providers are updating their curricula and whether current testing sites are expected to qualify to administer the new test.

To learn more about the new GED proficiency test, please visit the [GED Testing Service](#) website.

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