



MEMORANDUM

TO: GED Testing Service

FROM: Adrienne Ochs, Ph.D., Oregon GED Administrator™

CC: Oregon Department of Education, Office of Teaching, Learning, and Assessment

DATE: September 12, 2023

SUBJECT: Oregon Legislative Changes Impacting GED® test Applicant Eligibility

This memo is intended to inform you of a legislative change impacting eligibility for 16- and 17-year-olds applying to take the GED® Test Series. **Please share this information with Pearson Vue and all Oregon GED® Testing sites immediately.**

In 2023 the Oregon Legislature passed [HB 3068](#) which changed the documentation requirements for 16- and 17-year-olds who are applying to take a high school equivalency test such as the GED® test series. Section 3 of this legislation states that students who are 16 or 17 years of age may take a high school equivalency test with consent of a parent or legal guardian. Previously, Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR 589-007-0400) stated that these students were also required to show proof that they were exempt from compulsory education. **With the new legislation, the exemption is no longer required and permission from a parent or guardian is sufficient to allow 16- and 17-year-old students to test.**

As stated in Section 4 of Oregon HB 3068, this change is effective immediately. The Higher Education Coordinating Commission has also initiated the process to amend Oregon Administrative Rules to reflect this change.

Please contact me with any questions adrienne.ochs@hecc.oregon.gov or 503-979-5098