



## **Grandfathering 2002 Series GED® Test Scores - Frequently Asked Questions**

### **1. I heard I can get credit for my old GED® test scores?**

Yes, you may be eligible to receive credit for passing section(s) of the 2002 Series GED® test taken in Pennsylvania between Jan. 1, 2002 and Dec. 31, 2013.

### **2. If my scores are eligible, how do I apply?**

You will need to create an account at [www.MyGED.com](http://www.MyGED.com). One of the questions during registration asks, "Did you take any sections of the 2002 Series GED® test in Pennsylvania between 1/1/2002 and 12/31/13." If you respond "yes," the following notice will appear as an alert on the dashboard in your MyGED™ account:

"You may be eligible to receive credit for passing section(s) of the 2002 Series GED® Test taken in Pennsylvania between January 1, 2002 and December 31, 2013. The Pennsylvania Department of Education will verify your prior test score(s) and notify you by email with the sections of 2002 Series GED® test that you will be credited and not have to retake with the 2014 Series GED® test. You will then be able to complete the registration process in MyGED.com to schedule the 2014 GED® tests you need to take."

Please make sure the email address you use to create your MyGED™ account is a valid account. We will send the reply to that email account.

There is a lot of staff time invested in the process to determine if you have eligible 2002 Series GED® test scores. There may be a delay between the time you register in MyGED™ and the time we notify you of the results. We will do our best to minimize that time.

3. I followed the directions to have my scores reviewed. Now I can't register to take any tests. What happened?

As long as you are in the queue to have your scores reviewed to see if you will receive credit for any of them, the system will block you from registering to take any tests. As soon as your request is reviewed and we reply to you, you will be able to register for testing.

4. What should I do if I'm not sure when I took the GED® test or if my scores qualify?

Go through the process to create a MyGED™ account (as noted in #2) and the Pennsylvania Department of Education will notify you whether your previous test scores meet the eligibility requirements.

5. How long will this program for getting credit for previous GED® test scores be in effect?

It will be in effect until Dec. 31, 2015. After the expiration date of Dec. 31, 2015, no previous 2002 Series GED® test scores will be accepted for credits.

6. I already have a MyGED™ account. What should I do?

Log into your existing MyGED™ account. Go to "Edit My Profile" and under State Specific Questions answer the question "Did you take any sections of the 2002 Series GED® test in Pennsylvania between 1/1/2002 and 12/31/13." The process will continue as described in #2 above.

7. I have already taken and passed some of the 2014 GED® test. How can I find out if I have already passed the test with combined scores?

Follow the directions in #6 above. When our staff reviews your records, they will determine if you have already met all of the criteria for passing the test. If you have already met the criteria to get a Commonwealth Secondary School Diploma, you will receive an email with that information.

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8. What should I do if I registered for a test before getting the notice about possible credit for my old scores?

We strongly recommend that you do not register to take any 2014 GED® subtests before you receive notification about which tests you need to take. If you have already registered for a test, we recommend that you cancel the registration until you are notified by email about possibly receiving credit for any of your old scores.

9. I already took some sections of the 2014 GED®. Will I get a refund for those tests?

The Pennsylvania Department of Education does not administer the GED® test and has never been in a position to collect any fees related to the test. Fees collected by GED Testing Service® are used to support the administration of the test. If you have taken a section of the 2014 GED® test and also have a score from 2002 Series GED® test that meets the eligibility criteria, the Department is not in a position to offer a refund. The Department will consider any passing scores on the 2014 GED® test for purposes of meeting overall requirements of the Commonwealth Secondary School Diploma.

10. I took the 2002 Series GED® test in another state. Do those scores qualify?

The Department will consider 2002 Series GED® test scores from other states for individuals who are now residents of Pennsylvania. You will be responsible for having the GED® office in the state where you took the test send an official copy of your GED® transcript to the Department.

To have 2002 Series GED® test scores from other states considered for eligibility:

Step 1: Send an email to RA-GED@pa.gov with the following information: first and last name (as it is on the out-of-state transcript); date of birth; current Pennsylvania address and gender.

Step 2: Have an official transcript sent directly to our office from the GED® office in the state that holds your record. If the other state office

can send an official transcript electronically to RA-GED@pa.gov, that will be accepted. Otherwise, we will need a copy mailed to our office at Commonwealth Diploma Program, 333 Market St., 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17126-0333. Photocopies, score reports printed from the internet and any other non-official score reports cannot be accepted.

Step 3: When our office receives the transcript, we will send you an email to let you know that you are ready to go to MyGED™ and follow the steps in #2 (if you don't already have a MyGED™ account) or #6 (if you already have a MyGED™ account).