



TO Adult Education Programs and Testing Communities
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RE Process to Grandfather 2002 Series GED® Test Scores

MESSAGE:

As announced on March 19, 2014, the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has developed a process by which qualifying scores from the 2002 Series GED® will be grandfathered and combined with passing scores on the 2014 GED® to award residents of Pennsylvania a Commonwealth Secondary School Diploma under the criteria of The Pennsylvania Code (22 Pa. Code §4.72). Grandfathering of 2002 Series GED® scores will be available to Pennsylvania residents who took the test in Pennsylvania between Jan. 2, 2014 and Dec. 31, 2015. The process will begin with a soft rollout on May 16, 2014. PDE will issue a press release approximately two weeks later.

PDE is issuing the following guidance to GED® testing centers and adult education programs to support test takers who may qualify to have scores grandfathered. This information is for you to share with test takers and students in your programs. Again, PDE will be responsible for a press release to the media two weeks after this rollout.

To find out if any scores from the 2002 Series GED® qualify for grandfathering, individuals must do the following:

1. Go to www.MyGED.com and create an account in MyGED™.
2. In the section "Location Specific Questions," answer "Yes" to the question "Did you take any sections of the 2002 Series GED® test in Pennsylvania between 1/1/2002 and 12/31/2013?" and click Continue.
3. The individual will then be placed in an exception queue. A notification will appear under "My Alerts" in the MyGED™ account. The staff at PDE working on this process will receive an automatic notification. During the time that the individual is

placed in the exception queue, he/she will NOT be able to register to take the 2014 GED®.

4. PDE's staff will review the individual's GED® record for the 2002 Series GED® test and reply via email informing the individual which, if any, 2002 Series subsections qualify for grandfathering and which 2014 GED® subsections the individual must complete.
5. Upon receiving the notification, the individual will be able to complete to process of registering to take the 2014 GED® test.

There are a significant number of test takers who have already created an account in MyGED™. PDE is working on a process to identify and contact those individuals who already have a MyGED™ account and who have 2002 Series GED® subsections eligible for grandfathering. We will release details about that process when it has been fully developed.

Please note that the coding necessary to process the combined scores and issue the Commonwealth Secondary School Diploma and transcript will not be fully operational until July 1, 2014, at the earliest. PDE's Division of Adult Education has chosen to open the initial steps of this process in May to allow individuals who are eligible for grandfathering some 2002 Series GED® subsections and who need to demonstrate that they have passed the GED® test before the end of June the opportunity to do so. We have developed a manual process to handle these exceptional cases.

We will post the attached *Grandfathering 2002 Series GED® Test Series-Frequently Asked Questions* on PDE's website. If you have any additional questions, please email them to RA-GED@pa.gov with "Grandfathering Question" in the subject line. We will collect the questions and update the frequently asked questions as necessary.

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