


TASC™

New York State's 2014 High School Equivalency Test

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Context: New York State Education Department prepares for change



- ☐ Just in Time Changes to meet challenges facing adult and workforce education in New York
- ☐ Kevin Smith appointed Deputy Commissioner for new office devoted to adult education, licensed proprietary schools and vocational rehabilitation: ACCES
- ☐ Regents ACCES Committee established, meeting monthly
- ☐ Most recently, Ken Wagner appointed Deputy Commissioner and Candace Shyer appointed Assistant Commissioner for new Office of Assessment, Standards and Curriculum and will oversee TASC test development
- ☐ Commissioner and BOR who understand and support adult education


<http://www.acces.nysed.gov/aep/>

- *Timeline for development
- *Recorded webinars
- *PowerPoint presentations
- *Contact information

For the most accurate information and most recent updates, please rely on this Official NYSED website.

Don't be fooled by imposters!!

***For Up-to-Date Information on the TASC Development**



Context: September 2012: NYS Board of Regents set directions that will transform adult education

Competitively bid to select a new HSE to replace the current 2002 GED® test in 2014 after full discussion of proposed 2014 GED® test concerns (for-profit vendor monopoly, double the cost, 100% CBT at Pearson Vue test centers, immediate common core rigor)

By 2017, ramp up instruction to Common Core State Standards (CCSS)

Increase online assessments to replace paper-based testing

Blue ribbon expert panel to approve multiple assessments leading to NYS High School Equivalency diploma

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This is an imposter!!

- 1 NY and Mass co-chair HSE Options workgroup of state adult education directors with 42 states
- 2 NY the first state to release RFP(s) to select a new HSE test in time to inform state appropriation and legislation; \$2.8 million to keep 2014 test free to New Yorkers

- 22 other states and USDOL Job Corps following in various stages, including California and Massachusetts
- So far 5 states will be approving TASC: NY, Indiana, NJ, Nevada, Wyoming
- Creating a competitive marketplace to counter vendor monopoly benefits adults and cash strapped adult education systems
- Number of states going with 2014 GED® to buy time to change statute/code and create procurement or approval processes

***NYS has a new, subsidized test leading to a NYS High School Equivalency Diploma for January 2, 2014!**

TASC replaces 2002 GED® as the only free, state subsidized assessment leading to a NYS HSE diploma

TASC will serve as a gateway to postsecondary, training, and employment opportunities for over 24,000 out-of-school youth and adults in NY each year

43,000 adults and youth seek the high school equivalency diploma each year

*** Norming TASC**

- National field testing begun in May 2013 with high school graduating seniors and adults to refine questions
- October 7 - November 7, 2013 national field test critical to finalize questions for 2014 and set national HSE cut score: NYCDOE, Buffalo, 4 BOCES, Cayuga and Bishop Gibbons (Spanish version Nov 4 - 20, 2013)
- Fall 2013/Spring 2014: "Aspirational" college readiness cut score will be set; intent to use CUNY and SUNY data to assess ability of TASC passers to succeed in credit-bearing community college classes with little or no remediation
 - Intent is a NYS specific College and Career Readiness score


*** March 2013: CTB/McGraw-Hill's TASC Selected for 2014**

- English and Spanish tests
- Aligned to Common Core standards for ELA and math with gradual introduction of science next generation standards and social studies as appropriate over the three year contract
- New test each of three years with raised academic common core rigor and more complex test items each year
- Based on technology survey of 269 testing centers and 251 preparation programs, paper-based tests with gradual ramp up in online Computer Based Testing (CBT)
 - Up to 20% CBT in 2014
 - Up to 40% CBT in 2015
 - Up to 60% CBT in 2016

*** TASC: Mathematics & Science**

- Items assess examinee ability to solve routine and non-routine mathematics problems using the application of conceptual and procedural knowledge
- Mathematics test consists of a calculator section and a non-calculator section
- Science will also require a calculator

Calculator: TI-30XS



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- Scoring by CTB McGraw-Hill
- National accommodations process by CTB McGraw-Hill
- Testing at all 269 approved test centers
- Paper and online readiness assessments and open source to instructional publishers; official guide as well. Every region will have access to written format.

Memo to the Field

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TO: Director of Adult and Career Education
 FROM: Richard Meyer, Deputy Chief, Testing
 SUBJECT: TASC Test Administration
 DATE: November 13, 2013

The purpose of this memo is to inform you of the revised TASC Test Administration Manual (TASC TAM) and the revised TASC Test Administration Manual (TASC TAM) for the 2014 test administration. The revised TASC TAM includes updates to the test administration procedures, accommodations, and scoring procedures. The revised TASC TAM is available at the following URL: http://education.ti.com/en/us/purchase/purchase_dealer

*** Texas Instruments recommends that rather than purchase the calculators at a retail store or web site, the best pricing can be obtained from an instructional product dealer. A complete list is available at:**

http://education.ti.com/en/us/purchase/purchase_dealer

*** Purchasing the Calculators**

***This is a sample of the type of pricing you may find from the Educational Sites that Texas Instruments recommended**

2013 NCTM Regional Conference Baltimore
 Dealer: EAI Education 1-800-770-8010
www.EAEducation.com
 Scientific Models
 NCTM Show Calculator Pricing valid through November 30, 2013

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| TI-30 XS Multiview EZ-Spot Teacher Pack (10) | \$126.80 |
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- *Work with Mike Johnson from Contemporary to get bulk rate discounts for
 - *TABE online; TASC Readiness Assessment
- *Work with vendors to identify best costs for materials, e.g. calculators
- *October Regents panel of adult and alternative education leaders; CUNY; BOCES district superintendents:
 - *urged Regents to support appropriations request for: professional development to scale and support purchase of instructional materials and software; need to expand readiness programming and opportunity to learn

***NYSED efforts to gear up**

***Sample of possible pricing (no agreement has been made yet)**

| TABE Online Administrations | | | | | |
|---|------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|------------|-------|
| The minimum TABE Online Administration order is \$925.00 | | | | | |
| Quantity | Code # | Quantity Break | Description | Unit Price | Total |
| The minimum TABE Online Sub-Test Administration order is \$1,100.00 | | | | | |
| | CFC8717500 | 500-1,000 | TABE Online Sub-Test Administration | \$2.20 | |
| | CFC8717600 | 1,001-2,000 | TABE Online Sub-Test Administration | \$2.05 | |
| | CFC8717700 | 3,001-6,000 | TABE Online Sub-Test Administration | \$1.90 | |
| | CFC8717800 | 8,001-18,000 | TABE Online Sub-Test Administration | \$1.74 | |
| | CFC8717900 | 10,001-20,000 | TABE Online Sub-Test Administration | \$1.67 | |
| | CFC8718000 | 30,001-50,000 | TABE Online Sub-Test Administration | \$1.62 | |
| | CFC8718100 | 50,001-100,000 | TABE Online Sub-Test Administration | \$1.57 | |
| | CFC8718200 | 100,001-250,000 | TABE Online Sub-Test Administration | \$1.51 | |
| | CFC8718300 | 250,001-500,000 | TABE Online Sub-Test Administration | \$1.51 | |
| | CFC8718400 | 500,001-750,000 | TABE Online Sub-Test Administration | \$1.10 | |
| | CFC8718500 | 750,001-999,999 | TABE Online Sub-Test Administration | \$1.05 | |
| | CFC8718600 | 1,000,000+ | TABE Online Sub-Test Administration | \$1.00 | |

***NYSED is exploring TABE Online bulk pricing**

TASC Accommodations Webinars

- *November 15, 2013
1:00 to 2:00 pm
- *November 18, 2013
3:00 to 4:00 pm

HSE Test Center Training

Regional Trainings (attend the closest)

- *New York City (Long Island, NYC, Hudson Valley)
December 2, 2013
Brooklyn Adult Learning Center (NYCDOE only)
December 3, 2013
Literacy Assistance Center, 29 Broadway
- *Rochester (Central/Southern, Finger Lakes, West)
December 6, 2013
RIT Inn & Conference Center, West Henrietta
- *Albany (Capital/North, Central/Southern, upper Hudson Valley)
December 10, 2013
Cultural Education Center, Albany

***NYSED Scheduled Events**

***Two-day Common Core Summit November 13-14**

- *Brings RAEN directors and key staff developers together
- *Develop regional training plans for Common Core, Social Studies, and Science content
- *Dedicated web site: linked to EngageNY.org and other key resources; instructional support and recorded webinars
- *Peer review process to identify instructional exemplars and review vendor publication
- *Full collaboration with Indiana staff development experts www.amplifyae.org
- *Experts from CUNY (see Common Core Initiative for Adults <http://cunycci.pbworks.com/w/page/58414672/FrontPage2>)
- *Restructuring strategies from NYCDOE Adult and Alternative education

***NYSED efforts to gear up**

- *For comment, proposed regulations that would recognize GED® 2002 sub-tests for two years
- *December 16-17 will be final vote
- *Last year, 27,000 New Yorkers passed at least one sub-test but not the full GED® test
- *Potential for evening out capacity and helping transition to social studies and science content since there are most often passed sub-tests on 2002 exam

***Regents proposed regulations**

*In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life. "It goes on."

Robert Frost

Patience and
understanding as we
transform our
enterprise

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New York State selects a new High School Equivalency (HSE) exam

The Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC) will replace the 2002 GED® Test in January 2014

In response to the announcement by GEDTS that a new GED® test beginning in January 2014 would be completely computer based (CBT) and would cost \$120 per test (more than twice the current expense to New York State), the New York State Education Department (NYSED) issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to ensure that the State offers a High School Equivalency test that is both affordable, flexible, and accessible. CTB McGraw-Hill's TASC was selected.

Format of TASC:

The new test will be **similar in structure to the current GED® test**, including:

- Available in English and Spanish
- Braille and audio versions available for the visually impaired
- Sections for English Language Arts writing and reading, math, science, and social studies
- The test must also include one essay, with the remainder primarily multiple choice
- Length will be comparable to current GED® test (approx. 7 hours total)

The test will be gradually aligned to the **Common Core State Standards** over the next three years (2014-2016).

The test will be **available in both paper based (PBT) and online computer based (CBT) format**. In the first year (2014), NYSED will pilot the online computer based testing in 14 sites. In the second year (2015) up to 40% of tests may be administered on computer, and in the third year (2016), up to 60% of the tests on computer.

Available in All Approved Testing Centers

The paper based test will be offered at all 269 NYSED approved HSE test centers statewide.

Testing is Free and Accommodations are Available

The TASC will be free to New Yorkers. CTB will provide accommodations for testers with special needs.

How to Prepare

Both online and paper-based readiness assessments and instructional materials are being developed.

For More Information: go to www.tasctest.com and <http://www.acces.nysed.gov/aepp/>