



Everyone who takes the GED test in Minnesota must first create an online account at www.ged.com. 17 and 18-year olds in Minnesota must obtain an age waiver before they will be able to test. Those under age 19 who create an account online will need to apply for an age waiver. The easiest way to get an age waiver is to enroll in a free adult education program and pass the GED Ready practice tests while supervised. Once your age waiver application form is sent by Adult Education staff and approved by GED staff at the Minnesota Department of Education, they will approve it on the GED Testing Service website. You will then be able to start scheduling official tests and paying for them through your personal account online.

Note: If you began taking the 2014 GED® tests in another state, you will have to change your profile on the site to indicate your intention to test in Minnesota. Even if the other state didn't require an age waiver, if you are under the age of 19, you will need to obtain an age waiver to test in Minnesota.

Age waiver applicants must not be enrolled in high school and must meet at least ONE of the following six conditions to qualify for an age waiver:

1. You have been dropped from your school's attendance rolls for at least one full calendar year.
2. Your high school class has graduated.
3. An employer indicates on signed/dated letterhead that you must successfully complete the GED Battery to qualify for employment.
4. A postsecondary institution or financial aid office indicates on signed/dated letterhead that you must successfully complete the GED Battery to qualify for acceptance or to begin the financial aid process.
5. The military indicates on signed/dated letterhead that you must successfully complete the GED Battery to qualify for acceptance.
6. An Adult Basic Education (ABE) program or other recognized educational*, social service, or correctional agency indicates that successful completion of the GED Test Battery is a part of your written individual learning plan, AND provides signed/dated documentation showing you have, under the supervision of a proctor, either:
 - a. Taken the RLA and Math subtests of the GED Ready® and scored at least 145 on RLA and at least 145 on Math; or,
 - b. Taken the TABE 11/12 using only Form A and scored at least 617 on both the reading and mathematics subtests.

* Includes home schools.

Almost all Adult Basic Education (ABE) Programs in Minnesota provide proctoring for those seeking age waivers. Some may have other requirements or charge a fee. They may also be able to provide financial help to reduce the cost of the tests. To locate an ABE program in Minnesota, call 800-222-1990 or search Literacy Minnesota's website <https://www.literacymn.org/>

Great Rivers Adult Education Consortium serves the South Washington 833 and Hastings 200 School Districts. Call 651-425-6634 to get an application to enroll in our free GED Prep Program and to get help completing your GED Age Waiver.

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