

TASC Testing in West Virginia – Frequently Asked Questions

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State Testing Requirements

What is required to be eligible to earn a West Virginia High School Equivalency Diploma?

Test Takers who wish to take the TASC Test and earn the High School Equivalency diploma in the State of West Virginia must:

- Meet the age requirements established by the State of West Virginia
- Provide valid proof of identity and age at each test session
- Have taken and passed an approved TASC Readiness Test with a minimum required score as determined by the WV State Department; examinee must provide documentation to this effect prior to taking the TASC Test.
- Must provide proof of <u>ONE</u> of the following:
- 1. You have officially withdrawn from high school and will provide official documentation from the last school/system attended, including withdrawal date and original class graduation date; or
- 2. You have completed home-schooling and will provide proof of eligibility with official documentation from the county attendance director including home-school dates and original class graduation date; or
- 3. You are enrolled in the Option Pathway; or
- 4. You are enrolled at a state or government facility.
- And must pass all 5 subtests of the TASC Test in English

Can I transfer out of state scores to WV?

Yes, you can transfer scores from out of state to West Virginia. To start the process, you may access the Interstate Testing Request Form using the following link: http://tasctest.com/pdfs/TASCTestInterstateTestForms.pdf

How old do I have to be to take the TASC Test?

- > 18 years and older Anyone over 18 years of age or older must meet the following criteria:
- 1. Has taken and passed an approved TASC Readiness Test with a minimum required score as determined by the WV State Department; examinee must provide documentation to this effect prior to taking the TASC test.
- 2. And one of the following
- Has officially withdrawn from high school and will provide official documentation from the last school/system attended, including withdrawal date and original class graduation date; or
- Has completed home-schooling and will provide proof of eligibility with official documentation from the county attendance director including home-school dates and original class graduation date; or
- Is enrolled in the Option Pathway; or
- Is enrolled at a state or government facility.



- > 16 and 17 years olds If you are 16 and 17 years of age you must meet the following criteria:
- 1. Has taken and passed an approved TASC Readiness Test with a minimum required score as determined by the WV State Department; examinee must provide documentation to this effect prior to taking TASC.
- **2. And** one of the following:
- ➤ Has officially withdrawn from high school for a period of one month prior to test registration and will provide official documentation from the last school/system attended, including withdrawal date and original class graduation date; or
- Has been home-schooled for at least one month prior to test registration and will provide official documentation from the county attendance director including home-school dates and original class graduation date; or
- Examinee's original high school class has graduated before the candidate makes application for testing as evidenced by documentation from the last school/system attended; or
- Is enrolled in the Option Pathway; or
- Is attending in a state or government facility.
- > Below 16 years of age If you are younger than 16 years of age you must:
- 1. Has taken and passed an approved TASC Readiness Test with a minimum required score as determined by the WV State Department; examinee must provide documentation to this effect prior to taking the TASC Test
- 2. Is enrolled in the Option Pathway or is attending a state or government facility

Do I need to be a resident of West Virginia to take the TASC Test?

West Virginia residency is not required to take the TASC Test.

What proofs of identity are required to take the TASC Test?

You must provide one of the following proofs of identification prior to and during all testing sessions. Failure to provide applicable photo identification will result in a loss of testing privilege until such identification is presented:

A valid and current state-issued photo identification:

- Driver's license
- State alternative ID
- Military ID
- Valid passport

Documentation must include current name and birth date.

Option Pathway students may use photo identification issued by the high school. Failure to present applicable photo identification will result in a loss of testing privilege until such identification is presented.



Is there a Readiness Assessment I can take to know if I could pass the TASC Test?

The TASC Test offers Readiness Assessments through many high school equivalency test preparation programs. You must have taken and passed an approved TASC Readiness Test with a minimum required score as determined by the WV State Department as per WV eligibility requirements.

Do I have to take the Readiness Assessment to register for the TASC Test?

Yes, you are required to take the readiness assessment to be eligible to take the TASC Test.

Do I have to be enrolled in adult education classes to take the TASC Test?

You do not have to register in adult education classes but must have taken and passed an approved TASC Readiness Test, through many high school equivalency test preparation programs, with a minimum required score.



Cost and Payment Options

How much does it cost to take the TASC Test?

In the State of West Virginia, the test is free. However, you must have taken and passed an approved TASC Readiness Test with a minimum required score as determined by the WV State Department; examinee must provide documentation to this effect prior to taking the TASC test.



Finding a Testing Location

How can I locate a testing center?

<u>Click here</u> to locate a test center near you. The TASC Test is available at test centers across the state.



Registering for the TASC Test

How can I register to take the TASC Test?

Registration for the TASC Test is done online. If you meet the eligibility requirements outlined above, you must register to take the TASC Test here.

<u>Click here</u> for printable step by step directions to register for your exams.



Scheduling the TASC Test

How can I schedule a TASC Test?

Scheduling the TASC Test is done online via the Examinee Portal. Once you have created and validated your account you can begin the scheduling process by logging into in your account, selecting a test center and requesting a testing appointment. The state of West Virginia requires that you request a testing appointment at least 24 hours in advance of the test. Click here for step by step directions to schedule and pay for your TASC Test.



Taking the TASC Test

Do I have to take the test on the computer?

In West Virginia the TASC Test is available only as a computer-based test. You can practice with DRC INSIGHT Online Training Tools (OTT). Please open a Google Chrome browser and go to:

https://tasctest.com/demo-home/test-center-administratoes/preparing-for-tasc-test/online-tools-training/

(Must be viewed through Google Chrome only)

Can I take some tests by computer and other tests by paper and pencil?

West Virginia requires you to take the computer based test but if testing is approved as an accommodation by the state, scores can be combined to earn the HSE diploma.

Do I have to take the entire group of subject area tests, or can I take each one until I pass? There are no rules about the order in which the different tests must be taken; however, we do not recommend taking all of the TASC Tests in one day. You may take each sub-test one at a time until you pass or, you can take all the different subtests before retesting on any particular exam.

How do I request special testing accommodations?

All the information you need to request accommodations is available here. Start by reading the Examinee Guidelines for Requesting Special testing accommodations. The TASC Test is offered in alternate formats, such as large print and Braille, and may be administered with additional resources and/or accommodations for examinees with the necessary documentation.

What do I need to bring with me on the day I am scheduled to test?

You must provide one of the following proofs of identification prior to and during all testing sessions. Failure to provide applicable photo identification will result in a loss of testing privilege until such identification is presented:

A valid and current state-issued photo identification:

- Driver's license
- State alternative ID
- Military ID
- Valid passport.

Documentation must include current name and birth date.

> Option Pathway students may use photo identification issued by the high school. Failure to present applicable photo identification will result in a loss of testing privilege until such identification is presented.



Language Options for Testing

Is the TASC Test available in any other language by English?

The TASC Test is offered in English and Spanish only.

Do I have to take all the subject specific tests in one language or can I take some subjects in one language and the others in another?

The State of West Virginia allows examinees to combine the language editions of the TASC Test. If you start your TASC Tests in Spanish, you may complete in Spanish and if you begin in English you may complete in English.



Retest Rules

How long must I wait before I can retake a subject area test I do not pass?

There is no waiting period between same-subject retests for the first 3 attempts. However,

- 1. The initial battery must be taken prior to retesting, unless you are an Option Pathway student or approval has been granted for the adult student by the State Test Administrator.
- 2. A 2 month waiting period is required after 3 failed attempts.

Can I retest for a higher score?

To retest for a higher score, the TASC Test graduate must provide written documentation to the Testing Coordinator that higher scores are required for employment or enrollment in college or meeting educational requirements for a scholarship.

Test Scores

How long will it take to get my TASC Test scores?

Unofficial scores are available online via your TASC Test account 2-3 business days after taking computer-based tests and approximately 14 business days after paper based testing.

What is the passing score for the TASC Test?

A minimum score of 500 must be achieved on each subject area TASC Test. Additionally, you must earn at least a 2 on the essay portion of the writing test to pass the TASC Test.

Can I earn honors designation on my TASC tests?

Yes, the **TASC Test Distinguished Achievement Benchmark** acknowledges a higher level of achievement earned by examinees in the areas of Mathematics, Reading, and Writing. The TASC Test Distinguished Achievement scale score cuts vary, with the Reading cut score higher (580) than those for Mathematics and Writing (560). In addition to a Writing Score of 560 you will need to earn at least 6 out of 8 on the essay portion of the writing test. For more information, visit https://tasctest.com/pdfs/tasc dist achiev examiner brochure.pdf

Transcripts and Diplomas – How can I get a transcript and my certificate after testing?

Upon successful completion of your TASC Test, your original diploma and transcript will be mailed to you at no charge. You may obtain additional transcripts, replacement diploma or verification by completing the online request at Diploma Sender at https://www.diplomasender.com/.

Preparing for the TASC Test

What do you recommend to prepare for the TASC Test?

Everyone is different. You may do fine studying on your own or you may have better results by enrolling in a Test Preparation program. We encourage testers to take advantage of the variety of free TASC Test preparation materials here on www.tasctest.com.

You can also access a complete set of sample test items by clicking here.

Sample Test Items

- Argumentative Essay Writing Prompt Sample http://tasctest.com/pdfs/argumentative-essay-writing-prompt-sample-item.pdf
- Informational Essay Writing Prompt Sample Item http://tasctest.com/pdfs/informational-essay-writing-prompt-sample-item.pdf
- Reading https://tasctest.com/pdfs/TASC Test Practice Items Reading.pdf
- Math http://tasctest.com/pdfs/TASC Test Practice Items Math.pdf
- Science
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