

UPPER CAPE COD REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL
DIVISION OF NURSE EDUCATION
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High School Equivalency Testing in Massachusetts

As of January 1, 2017, the Massachusetts Department of Education has approved using both the HiSET examination and the GED examination to measure high school equivalency. Both of these tests are computer based and registration and test scheduling is completed online.

To register and schedule to take the HiSET examination go to either the HiSET website (<https://hiset.ets.org/requirements/state/ma>) or the GED website (<https://ged.com/>). Once you are at either one of these websites, you will first need to create your own personal HiSET or GED account.

The HiSET and GED websites are specifically designed for those interested in finding out more about these tests and/or how to go about taking one of these tests. These websites will provide you with the most current information regarding the test, along with test taker information and practice tests. This information will give you a better idea of what to expect on the test, links on how to best prepare to take the test, and lead you through the steps to register and to schedule to take one of these tests.

Once you have established an account, and you feel you are ready to take the test, log-in to your personal account and schedule and pay for your test online.

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education have established specific requirements for those who would like to take the HiSET or GED test in Massachusetts. These include:

1. You must be a resident of Massachusetts with a Massachusetts address.
2. You must not be currently enrolled in any secondary school program and must not have received a high school diploma or high school equivalency certificate.
3. You must be 18 or older to be eligible to take the HiSET or GED test in Massachusetts with no qualifications. If you are 16 or 17 years old, please see the information below on the procedure for registering for either of these tests.
4. You must present valid, proper picture identification at the test center for each test session. Approved picture identification documents include: a valid driver's license or learner's permit, valid passport, valid state-issued ID card, valid Military ID card, valid Tribal ID card, or valid National ID card. All identification must be current; expired identification will NOT be accepted. **Failure to provide this documentation will prohibit you from taking the test.**