

TASC Testing in New Jersey – Frequently Asked Questions

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State Testing Requirements

What's required to be eligible to earn a New Jersey High School Equivalency Certificate?

Test Takers who wish to take the TASC test and obtain a HSE certificate in the State of New Jersey must:

- Not be currently enrolled in high school;
- Not already have a High School diploma from a school in the U. S. which is accredited by a regional association;
- ➤ Meet the Age and Residency requirements established by the State of New Jersey; ➤ Provide valid proof of Identity, Age, and Residency;
- ➤ And must pass all 5 subtests of the TASC Test.

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

- ➤ **18years and older** If you are over 18 years of age, you are eligible to take the test with a valid photo identification and proof of residency.
- ➤ 16 or 18 years of age If you are 16 or 17 years of age, you must register in person at the Test Center and submit the "Certificate of Consent to Participate Form" completed and signed by your parent or legal guardian stating they have taken their child out of the public school system so you can take the TASC Test. The parent or legal guardian must be present with their own ID so the test center knows that they are the parent.

Please find below the link to the "Certificate of Consent to Participate Form":

http://www.state.nj.us/education/students/adulted/forms/ConsentParticipate.pdf

Below 16 years of age – If you are younger than 16 years of age you are ineligible to take the TASC Test.

Can I transfer out of state scores to New Jersey?

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

Do I need to be a resident of New Jersey to take the TASC Test?

You must be a resident of New Jersey to take the TASC Test. You will be required to show proof of residency prior to testing.

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

Please click on the link below for a list of acceptable proofs of eligibility:

http://www.state.nj.us/education/students/adulted/forms/AcceptableFormsofID.pdf

Cost and Payment Options

How much does it cost to take the TASC Test?

The TASC Test battery, which consists of 5 subtests (Reading, Writing, Math, Social Studies and Science) costs \$114 (or \$22.80 per subtest).

- ➤ The \$114 battery fee for your first test includes all 5 subtests, *plus* up to 2 retests per content area/subtest if a passing score has not been obtained.
- > The \$22.80 single subject test fee for the first test includes the subject area test *plus* 2 retakes on that same test if a passing score has not been obtained.
- If you wish to retake the TASC Test for a higher score must pay the DRC subtest(s) cost.

Payments must be made online and can be made using any Master Card®, Visa® or American Express® credit, debit, or gift card.

Can I retake the test(s) to obtain a higher score?

Yes. However, if you wish to retake the TASC Test for a higher score, you must pay the DRC subtest(s) cost, plus any test center fees. The retakes included in the DRC testing fee do NOT apply to the retake of tests already passed.

Finding a Testing Location

How can I locate a testing center?

<u>Click here</u> to find a test center, register and schedule your TASC Test.

Registering for the TASC Test

How can I register to take the TASC Test?

Scheduling for the TASC Test

How can I schedule a TASC Test?

You must schedule your TASC Test at the test center.

Taking the TASC Test

Do I have to take the test on the computer?

In New Jersey 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://wbte.drcedirect.com/TASC/portals/tasc (must be viewed through Google Chrome only)

Do I have to take the entire group of subject area tests, or can I take each one until I pass?

Subtests may be taken in any order – from testing (and retesting) in a single subject before beginning the next, to taking the complete test in one day; TASC Test can be taken in a way that best suits both examinee and Test Center needs.

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

You must bring the following documents on the day of the test:

> Proof of identification and residency as specified in State Testing Requirements section.

How do I request special testing accommodations?

If you need a special testing accommodation, you must submit an application and receive a TASC Test approval letter before scheduling exams. Click here to access any necessary forms and information. 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.

Language Options for Testing

Is the TASC Test available in any other language than 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 New Jersey does not allow examinees to combine the language editions of the TASC Test. If you start your TASC Tests in Spanish, you must complete in Spanish and if you begin in English you must 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. Examinees who take all three (3) forms of the test must wait 60 days before retesting on a form previously taken.

Can I retest for a higher score?

Once you have passed any portion of the TASC Test, you may only retest for a higher score if a school or employer requires it. A letter from the school or employer indicating that the higher score is required must be presented to the Test Center Administrator in order to schedule a retest for higher score.

Is there an expiration date on the retakes that are included on initial test purchases?

The two retest attempts included in the DRC battery fee must be taken within one year of the initial test date.

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.

Transcripts and Diplomas

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

Please allow up to two weeks for your High School Equivalency Diploma to be mailed to you after passing the TASC Test.

Is there anything I can do while I wait for the mail?

To see if the State has received your scores and issued your diploma you can use your UUID number (found on your profile at examinee portal) and last name on the State webpage.

Go to http://www.state.nj.us/education/students/adulted/ click - Official Transcript.

Click on the word "here". Enter your UUID and last name.

If the State has received your scores you will see them with a diploma date as the day mailed.

You can print the Official Transcript from that page and use it to apply for school, the access code will be on the Official Transcript, write it down.

Go back to http://www.state.nj.us/education/students/adulted/

Click - Diploma Verification.

Enter access code (UUID), click - proceed; print diploma verification letter for employment.

If my diploma is damaged, lost or destroyed can I get another? New Jersey does not issue duplicate diplomas. Do not give it to anyone to verify you passed. You will not get another. To verify that you passed the TASC Test and earned the State diploma, you use the Official Transcript and or Diploma Verification available on the State webpage, http://www.state.nj.us/education/students/adulted/

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.

<u>Click here</u> on link to find a program near you. Additionally, there are a variety of free TASC Test preparation materials click <u>here</u> to access them.

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. If you are interested in taking a readiness test, ask your Program Coordinator or Instructor about the TASC Readiness Assessment.