

G.E.D. Information

Who can take the G.E.D.?

The G.E.D. is available to Montana residents who are 16 years of age or older who are not enrolled in an accredited high school and do not have a high school diploma.

What does the G.E.D. measure?

The G.E.D. Tests measure the major academic skills and knowledge associated with a high school program of study, with increased emphasis on workplace and higher education.

Where can I take the G.E.D.?

The G.E.D. is administered by Missoula County Public Schools Adult Education Division located at the Dickinson Lifelong Learning Center at 310 South Curtis, Missoula, MT 59801.

How long is the G.E.D.?

The G.E.D. exam is comprised of the following five tests:

- Language Arts, Reading
- Language Arts, Writing
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies

You may take one or more tests on the scheduled testing dates. If you take all five tests on one day, it will take approximately 7 1/2 hours.

When can I take the G.E.D.?

The G.E.D. is administered approximately 20 times each year. Quarterly registration and examination schedules are listed in the Adult Education Division Catalog or on the website at DLLC.montana.com. You may also call the G.E.D. Hotline at 523-4025 for a list of upcoming dates.

What if I am not ready to take the G.E.D.?

Instruction and assessment is available to assist you in preparing to take the G.E.D. through the Adult Basic and Literacy Education Program. You can reach the ABLE program by calling 542-4015.

G.E.D. Hotline 523-4025

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G.E.D. Registration Requirements

All persons wanting to take the G.E.D. are required to attend G.E.D. registration to complete the required paperwork, verify your eligibility, pay the testing fee and schedule dates to take the G.E.D.

G.E.D. Registration begins PROMPTLY at the stated time and lasts approximately two hours. You will not be able to attend G.E.D. registration without the following documentation or if you arrive late.

Documentation that you must bring to G.E.D. Registration differs by age group and includes:

If you are 19 years of age or older

1. Current State or Government issued picture identification
2. Verification of Social Security Number
3. Proof of Montana Residency
4. \$53 G.E.D. Testing Fee

If you are 17 or 18 years of age

1. Current State or Government issued picture identification,
2. Verification of Social Security Number
3. Proof of Montana Residency
4. \$53 G.E.D. Testing Fee
5. Letter or Withdrawal Form from last High School attended. The letter must be an original on school letterhead signed by the principal and must contain the following information:
 - > • The date the letter was signed;
 - > • Student information such as legal name, date of birth, Social Security Number and the last date of attendance or official withdrawal date; and
 - > • If the withdrawal date is less than 90 days, the letter must give permission for the student to take the G.E.D.

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If you are 16 years of age

1. Current State or Government issued picture identification,
2. Verification of Social Security Number
3. Proof of Montana Residency
4. \$53 G.E.D. Testing Fee
5. Completed Waiver of Minimum Age Requirement Form. You can obtain this form and instructions regarding how to complete the process by scheduling an appointment with the G.E.D. coordinator at 549-8765. You cannot attend registration until the waiver is approved by the State of Montana G.E.D. Program.

What if I was Home Schooled and want to take the G.E.D.?

In addition to the G.E.D. Registration Requirements, if you are under the age of 19 you will need a letter of approval from your Home School official. You must bring the completed letter with you when you attend G.E.D. Registration. Call 549-8765 to obtain a sample letter.

How do I verify that I am a Montana resident?

Proof of Montana residence can be verified with a Montana Driver's License, Montana State Identification Card, Tribal Identification, or one of the following that has your name and your local mailing address:

- > • Pay check or stub
- > • Rent or utility bill
- > • Bank Statement

How much does it cost to take the G.E.D.?

The fee to take the G.E.D. is \$53 and is due at G.E.D. Registration in the form of cash, check, Visa or MasterCard. Retest fees are based upon the individual tests and will be discussed at G.E.D. Registration

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How long will it take to get my results?

Approximately 4 weeks from the date you complete the G.E.D. you will receive notification from the State G.E.D. Administrator if you have passed or failed the exam. To schedule a retest on one or more tests you will need to attend G.E.D. registration.

What if I have taken a portion of the G.E.D. someplace other than Missoula MT?

- If you started the G.E.D. **before** January 2002, the test has changed and you will need to retake all parts of the G.E.D.
- If you started the G.E.D. **after** January 2002 out-of-state, you will need to establish Montana residency and bring an official copy of your transcript to G.E.D. Registration. The official transcript must be obtained from the state where you tested. A list of state G.E.D. contacts can be found at www.acenet.edu.
- If you took part of the G.E.D. **after** January 2002 within the state of Montana but not in Missoula, obtain a copy of your official transcript by following the directions below and bring the transcript and documentation required for your age group to G.E.D. Registration.

What if I need a copy of my G.E.D. transcript?

To maintain the confidentiality of your G.E.D. records, the only way to receive your transcript is by sending a letter that contains the following information:

- The name on your transcript
- Your Social Security Number
- Your Date of Birth
- The approximate date you tested
- Self-addressed, stamped envelope

Mail the letter to:

Debbie Casey
G.E.D. Program
PO Box 202501
Helena, MT 59620-2501

Additional Information

If you have questions or need additional information regarding the G.E.D., please contact the G.E.D. Coordinator at 549-8765.

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