

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO TAKE THE GED® TESTS IN KENTUCKY

General Eligibility Requirements

- Test-takers must have a Kentucky address.
- Test-takers must pass the Official GED Practice Tests (OPT) and have a completed **GED Testing Application Form (KYAE-6)** signed by the approved adult education provider.
- Test-takers must be 19 years of age, OR
- Test-takers must be at least 16 years of age AND:
 - ✓ Withdrawn from public or private school for 90 days as certified by the local school district. This proof must be on a school form or official letterhead and be attached to the KYAE-6 form.
 - ✓ Or, receive a superintendent's waiver of the 90 days for a postsecondary enrollment deadline, a condition of employment, medical reason or family circumstances. The superintendent or designee must sign the back of the KYAE-6 form to grant approval.

Exemptions

Test-takers at least 16 years of age with a Kentucky address may take the GED Tests if they are certified as test ready and meet the following conditions:

- Enrolled in a Kentucky Department of Education approved Option Program (GED Secondary Program) and approved for the GED Tests by the superintendent; superintendent must sign the back of the KYAE-6.
- Enrolled in a Job Corps program.
- A state agency child under the jurisdiction of the *Cabinet for Families and Children* with approval from the Agency Program Administrator as indicated with the signature on the back of the KYAE-6.
- A state agency child under the jurisdiction of the *Department for Juvenile Justice* and detained in a juvenile detention or juvenile holding facility and:
 - ✓ at least one year behind academically,
 - ✓ a minimum stay in detention of 30 days,
 - ✓ approved for the GED Tests by the local school superintendent; superintendent must sign the back of the KYAE-6.
- Committed or placed in a state correctional facility.

No one younger than 16 years of age may take the GED Tests.

Notes:

- *Please see the [Preparing to Take the GED® Tests](#) section for more special population guidelines.*
- *KET students must present a GED Connection voucher to fulfill the OPT requirement.*
- *Home school test-takers at least 16 years old may establish a withdrawal date from home school by presenting a letter (attached to the KYAE-6) from the home school to the local school superintendent indicating the test-taker has withdrawn from home school. The date of the letter to the superintendent is the date of withdrawal; the test-taker must have been withdrawn from home school for 90 days.*
- *Court ordered test-takers must meet the eligibility requirements and the court order must accompany the KYAE-6 form.*

Click [here](#) for the GED Eligibility Regulation.