



Homeless and Foster Youths: Fee Waiver Now Available for High School Equivalency Tests!



If you are under age 25 and certified as a homeless test taker by a homeless services provider or a foster youth as defined in *Education Code* Section 48412, you qualify for a fee waiver for high school equivalency tests.

The fee waiver includes fees for services related to test administration; it does not include fees for services or documents required to verify the need for testing accommodations, test preparation, or other services not related to the administration of the tests.

To receive a fee waiver at the time of registration for a test administration, you will need to submit all standard required registration materials to the test contractor, including the documentation required for all testing accommodations that you may need and certification of your homeless or foster youth status.

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“Certification” means documentation from a services provider, or a county or state agency, certifying the examinee as a homeless youth or a foster youth. For a homeless youth, certification is valid for a period of one year from the certification date and may be renewed annually until the certified homeless youth reaches 25 years of age. If the certified homeless youth reaches 25 years of age within one year from the certification date, the certification will be valid only until one day before the certified homeless youth reaches 25 years of age. For a foster youth, eligibility for the fee waiver is valid until the certified foster youth reaches 25 years of age. “Foster youth” means either current or former foster youth, as defined by *Education Code* Section 48412(h).