

What Are the High School Equivalency Tests?



High School Equivalency Program

The High School Equivalency (HSE) Program is a testing program for residents of California who did not or will not complete high school and wish to obtain a certificate equivalent to a high school diploma. Individuals may take the tests either on paper with a pencil or on a computer in a testing center or online at home. Tests are offered in English and Spanish. Test preparation is available in centers across California.

In California, the HSE tests are for individuals who are

- eighteen years of age or older;
- no longer enrolled in high school; **or**
- at least seventeen years of age and have accumulated fewer than 100 units of high school credit, or are confined to a state or county hospital or correctional agency.

For more information about the HSE tests, access the [California Department of Education HSE Tests web page](#).

