

A Notice to HiSET/GED Waitlist Applicants

In order to fairly serve applicants for Adult Education Center (AEC) classes, we maintain a waitlist. Calls are made on a *first come, first serve* basis, as openings become available.

It is your responsibility to keep us informed of changes in contact information, including your name, address, email and telephone number.

This is important for two reasons:

- 1) We will be unable to notify you of an opening, if we do not have your current contact information.
- 2) Periodically, we send out a text with a link to an online form to ask if you want to remain on the waitlist. If you do not respond to the form by the date indicated in the text message, we will assume that you are no longer interested in attending classes, and your name will be removed.

On your application, you were asked to make one (1) choice from our current class offerings. **It is your responsibility to let us know if you wish to change your choice.** (For example, the time of day you are available to take classes may have changed.)

We will call or text you only two (2) times to schedule a placement test. You may postpone placement testing only one (1) time.

We will call or text you only two (2) times to offer you classes. You may postpone enrollment only one (1) time.

If you do not respond, or if we are unable to leave a message, you will be removed from our waitlist. **Please make sure that you have set up voicemail on your phone.**

If you are removed from our waitlist, you may reapply, but you will lose your original "place in line".

We hope we can serve you. We depend upon you to do your part by keeping us informed of changes and setting up voicemail.

Thank you.

How Long Does It Take to Get Your High School Equivalency Credential?

You can go at your own pace.

The *HiSET*[®] exam is about seven hours from start to finish. These seven hours are broken out into **five** subtests that you can take on different days over a period of time.

How long it will take to complete the entire exam — taking and passing all five subtests and receiving your high school equivalency credential — depends on you. Lots of things can affect how long it takes, including:

- your level of education before you left high school
- how much time you have to study each week
- whether or not you pass each subtest on the first attempt
- how quickly you want to take the test

For some people, it takes six weeks; for others, a year or more.

Four simple steps *Here is a quick look at the process.*

1. See if the exam is right for you.

Get started by seeing if you are eligible to earn a high school equivalency credential in Massachusetts. Learn all about the Massachusetts state requirement by going here:

<https://hiset.ets.org/requirements/state/ma>

2. Prepare for the exam.

There are lots of ways to prepare. If you recently left high school with a good academic record, you may be able to do it on your own through an online study program or with a test prep book from a bookstore. But you don't need to **prepare** alone if you don't want to. Free Adult Education classes are available at the Hyannis location for the Adult Education Center of CCCC if you need extra help.

3. Sign up for the exam.

You can schedule your test appointment(s) through the HiSET exam website. You can reschedule appointments if you need to, but you need to check with your test center for specific policies. You may take the five subtests in any order. You can schedule one or more subtests on one day, or spread them out over several months. Learn more about how you can schedule your test appointments at this link:

<https://hiset.ets.org/requirements/schedule>

4. Get your results.

You'll get your unofficial computer-delivered scores at your test center when you finish testing (for all except the Language Arts – Writing subtest). Official scoring begins when ETS receives your answer sheets from the test center. Scores are then posted in your HiSET account within three business days for multiple-choice subtests and within five days for the Language Arts – Writing subtest. All scores are also sent automatically to your state. If you passed, either your state or Diploma Sender will send you your credential. More detailed information on scoring and how to understand your scores is available on this link: <https://hiset.ets.org/scores/overview>