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New GED Exam to be Introduced in January, 2012; Current Candidates Urged to Finish Before That Date

The General Educational Development (GED) Testing Service will be introducing a new series of exams on January 1, 2012, and GED candidates who have begun testing under the current series are being urged to try to pass all five tests by December 31, 2011, Education Commissioner Lucille E. Davy said today.

Otherwise, they will be required to re-take the entire new exam series.

"Many of New Jersey's candidates for the GED are working adults who are studying for the exams and taking them individually over an extended period of time," Commissioner Davy said. "We want to remind candidates and educators that they must complete and pass the current GED exams before the expiration date of December, 2011, or they will have to go back to the beginning and take all the tests again."

The GED, developed by the American Council on Education, is a series of five national exams testing candidates in the content areas of science, social studies, reading, mathematics and writing in order to allow them to obtain a high school diploma in their home states.

In 2008, 14,413 New Jersey candidates took the GED. From that total, 9,172 candidates were awarded a New Jersey state-issued high school diploma.

The GED Testing Services assesses the exams at regular intervals to certify that the content reflects current curricular and academic standards for high school graduates across the United States and Canada. As expectations and standards change for high school students, the GED tests are aligned with those same expectations and standards.

GED exams can only be taken in person at official GED testing centers. The test is not available on-line. Some candidates have paid for exams for on-line credentials that they later learned were unacceptable proofs of high school completion by potential employers or institutions of higher education.

A list of frequently asked questions and additional information related to the release of the 2012 Series GED Tests can be found on the GED Testing Service Web-site:

www.GEDtest.org/2012

Locations of New Jersey's GED testing centers and more information about taking the GED exam in New Jersey are available from the following link:

<http://www.state.nj.us/education/students/adulted/>