

# Notice to Employers, Educational Leaders, Community Leaders:

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## High School Equivalency is changing in New Hampshire. *Please help us spread the word.*

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Beginning on January 1, 2014, the New Hampshire High School Equivalency certificate will be based on the HiSET™ tests from Educational Testing Service instead of the GED® tests from GED Testing Service.

### What will be DIFFERENT?

- The name of the test will be HiSET™ (pronounced “High Set”) instead of GED®.)
- Transcripts will show HiSET scores.
- Standard scores on the transcript will have the same meaning, but be shown on a different scale (0 to 20 instead of 200 to 800.)



### What will be the SAME?

- The credential granted will still be the New Hampshire High School Equivalency Certificate approved by the NH Board of Education and signed by the Commissioner of Education
- The credentialing test will still assess math, reading, writing, science, and social studies
- The test will still take about 7 hours.
- Test-takers will still have to do better than 40% of high school seniors in the nation in order to pass.

### Some background:

It's a new world in high school equivalency--the first time that more than one high school equivalency test has been available to states. Even though high school equivalency has always been based on state certification, most people have referred to “GED®” as the generic title. Now many states, including New Hampshire, have conducted Request for Proposal processes to select a high school equivalency test. We're all trying to remember to say “High School Equivalency,” instead of “GED.” See the back for ways YOU can help.

## How you can help:

- Please recognize that an applicant with passing scores on the HiSET exam is a qualified High School Equivalency graduate.
- If it's possible, please change "GED" on your application forms to "High School Equivalency." If forms can't be changed at this time, please be sure admissions staff and Human Resource officials understand that HiSET™ graduates have a legitimate high school equivalency credential.
- If you have questions, contact the NH High School Equivalency Office, Division of Career Technology and Adult Learning, Bureau of Adult Education, NH Department of Education, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 20, Concord, NH 03301. Telephone (603) 271-6699.
- Or contact Art Ellison, administrator of the Bureau of Adult Education, [Arthur.ellison@doe.nh.gov](mailto:Arthur.ellison@doe.nh.gov) or Debbie Tasker, high school equivalency administrator, [deborah.tasker@doe.nh.gov](mailto:deborah.tasker@doe.nh.gov) or your local adult education director.



Thank you for helping New Hampshire men and women of all ages who have demonstrated their high school equivalency skills and taken an important step toward career and college success.

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