# Title 5. EDUCATION Division 1. California Department of Education

## Chapter 11. Special Programs Subchapter 8. High School Proficiency Certificates

### Article 2. High School Equivalency Certificate ~~- for Persons 18 Years of Age or Older~~

#### § 11530. Definitions.

(a) “Certificate” means a document containing the words “California High School Equivalency Certificate.”

(b~~c~~) “Certification” means documentation from a homeless services provider, or a county or state agency, certifying the examinee is a homeless youth or a foster youth.

(~~b~~c) “Fee,” as referenced in Education Code section 51421(a), shall be $20 and shall be submitted by the examinee at the time of initial registration for a test to obtain a high school equivalency certificate.

(d) “Local educational agency (LEA)” means any public school district, county office of education, or charter school.

(~~d~~e) “Resident of this State” means a person who either presently lives in the State of California, or who has ~~his~~ their domicile in California in accordance with the criteria established in Government Code section 244.

(~~e~~f) “Testing accommodations” means any variation in the assessment environment or process that does not fundamentally alter what the test measures or affect the comparability of scores.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 51421.5 and 51426, Education Code. Reference: Sections 51420, 51421, 51421.5 and 51425, Education Code.

#### § 11531. Approval of Testing Centers.

(a) A testing center may be approved by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction (SSPI) to administer tests for purposes of Education Code section 51420 provided it has complied with all of the following:

(1) Provided the CDE with all required information indicating:

(A) Name of Institutional Chief Administrative Officer and title~~,~~;

(B) Name of Chief Examiner and Alternate Examiner(s) and their titles~~,~~;

(C) Name of testing facility~~,~~;

(D) Contracting agency or ~~school district,~~ local educational agency; and

(E) Address of the testing center.

(2) Agreed to comply with all test security requirements provided by the CDE and to maintain all required records regarding tests and testing activities.

(3) Agreed to provide each examinee with ~~his or her~~ their test scores.

(4) Agreed to inspection by authorized representatives of the CDE.

(b) The SSPI may suspend or revoke the approval, or deny renewal of an approval, of any center for failure or refusal to maintain any one or more of the standards described in subdivision (a) of this section.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 51426, Education Code. Reference: Sections 51420, 51422 and 51423, Education Code.

#### ~~§ 11532. Eligibility to Take a Test to Obtain a High School Equivalency Certificate.~~

~~(a) A person is eligible to take a test to obtain a high school equivalency certificate no sooner than 60 days prior to the date he or she is eligible to receive a certificate pursuant to Education Code section 51420(c).~~

~~(b) The 60 day limitation in subdivision (a) does not apply to any person who is 17 years of age or older who has been out of school for at least 60 days and who submits a letter of request for the test from the military, a postsecondary educational institution or a prospective employer~~.

~~(c) Any person who is 17 years of age or older who is incarcerated in a California state or county correctional facility and who meets the following criteria is eligible to take a test to obtain a high school equivalency certificate:~~

~~(1) The person does not have a realistic chance of completing the requirements for a high school diploma.~~

~~(2) The person has adequate academic skills to successfully complete a test to obtain a high school equivalency certificate.~~

~~(3) The person understands the options available regarding acquisition of a high school diploma, the high school equivalency certificate or the high school proficiency certificate, and the requirements, expectations, benefits and limitations of each option.~~

~~(4) The person has sufficient commitment time left to complete an entire test to obtain a high school equivalency certificate battery before release; or if released before completion of the test, may complete testing at an authorized testing center.~~

~~NOTE: Authority cited: Section 51426, Education Code. Reference: Sections 51420 and 51422, Education Code.~~

#### § 11532.5. Identity and Residency Requirements.

(a) Every examinee must provide proof of identification and residency prior to initial testing and retesting.

(1) Identification shall include:

1. Full legal name; and
2. Date of birth, signature, and photograph.

(2) Residency shall be proven by providing one of the following documents containing a current address:

1. Rental or lease agreement;
2. Home utility bill;
3. Employment document;
4. Insurance document;
5. Court document listing applicant as a California resident;
6. California certificate of vehicle or vessel title or registration; or
7. Completed California High School Equivalency Declaration of California

Residency, revised May 1, 2019, which is hereby incorporated by reference. A copy of this declaration is available from CDE staff in the Assessment Development and Administration Division.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 51426, Education Code. Reference: Sections 51420 and 51422, Education Code.

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