# Bureau of Postsecondary and Adult Education
# Division of Adult Education Policy

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## POLICY STATEMENT

Passing an official high school equivalency practice test is not a requirement for high school equivalency testing in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Candidates who meet all other testing eligibility requirements may register for and take a high school equivalency test in Pennsylvania, whether or not they have taken or passed an official practice test.

## GUIDANCE

Pennsylvania residents may register and take a high school equivalency test without taking an official practice test. Practice tests are accessible to test candidates from high school equivalency test vendors. The results obtained from practice tests provide a diagnostic tool to measure educational strengths and weaknesses. Test candidates who do not pass an official practice test are encouraged to attend test preparation classes before taking the high school equivalency test.

Institutional test sites (e.g., state correctional institutions, county prisons, detention centers, etc.) that do not serve the public may require test candidates to pass an official practice test prior to registering for and/or taking a high school equivalency test.