

<b>Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development</b>	Number: GED 589-10.10.01
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SUBJECT: General Education Development Program GED Three-Year Testing Period	Approved: 

Purpose: GED test takers have three years to complete the GED test battery in Oregon. If they do not complete testing within the three-year period, the partial test scores remain valid, but test takers must pay an additional state fee of \$35.

When a new test series is implemented, all partial test scores from the past test series expire and are invalid. Test takers must retake all tests in the new series and pay the state fee of \$35.

References: ORS 326.051 & ORS 326.550  
OAR 589-007-0500

Definitions: Three-year period – The time period in which test takers are required to complete and pass the five GED sub-tests starting from the date they take the first test in Oregon.

GED test battery – The 5 GED sub-tests that must be completed and passed in order for CCWD to issue a GED certificate.

Partial test scores – Scores from individual GED sub-tests.

Expired and invalid test scores – All partial test scores from the prior test series expire and are invalid when GED Testing Service introduces a new GED Test Series.

Additional \$35 state fee – The GED candidate must pay an additional state fee if the tests are not completed with the three-year period.

Fee Waiver – The fee waiver option applies only to test takers reaching their three-year period within a test series and not from one test series to the next.

CCWD CCWD – Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development

Policy: A \$35 state fee shall cover the cost of state administration for each test taker during a three-year period or until the transition to a new test battery in which prior tests taken are not included as part of the new battery; any person not completing the test battery within the three-year period or upon implementation of a new test battery shall be required to pay an additional \$35 state fee.

Procedures:

Testing Centers: Testing centers must charge test takers the additional state fee of \$35 after the test takers reach the three-year period and have not completed the GED test battery.

Test Takers: At the time of registration at testing centers, test takers must sign a letter of acknowledgement that they have a three-year period to complete the test battery or they must pay an additional state fee of \$35.

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Test takers may appeal the state fee repayment by submitting a letter to the GED State Administrator stating the need for appeal and appropriate documentation to:

Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development  
GED State Administrator  
255 Capitol Street NE  
Salem OR 97310

Approval of the waived fee is limited to:

- test takers that are actively working to complete GED and enrolled in a GED Preparation Program; or
- other conditions deemed appropriate by the State GED Administrator.

CCWD: Will invoice testing centers for the additional \$35 fee for applicable candidates beginning on July 6, 2009.