

CHAPTER 32  
HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA  
[Prior to 9/7/88, see Public Instruction Department[670] Ch 8]

**281—32.1(259A) Test.** The Iowa high school equivalency diploma shall indicate the holder thereof has achieved the equivalent of a high school education as measured by scores obtained on the test(s) approved by the Iowa department of education to measure high school completion.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 259A.1.  
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**281—32.2(259A) By whom administered.** The tests shall be administered in official testing centers authorized by the Iowa department of education. Official testing centers shall be established with an accredited and approved institution.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 259A.2.  
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**281—32.3(259A) Minimum score.** Applicants must achieve the appropriate minimum standard scores as established by the Iowa department of education and in effect at the time the applicant tested.

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**281—32.4(259A) Effectiveness of test scores.** Test scores shall remain valid for a period of five years from the date of the first test. If the applicant has not received the Iowa high school equivalency diploma by then, the applicant must retake the expired test(s). The only exception is for test series expiring prior to the five years, in which case all prior tests are void.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 259A.1.  
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**281—32.5(259A) Retest.** Any applicant not achieving the minimum standard test scores as defined in rule 281—32.3(259A), upon payment of a fee to cover only the testing costs, shall be permitted to make application for retest and scoring of the retest, provided that one of the following conditions is met:

**32.5(1)** A period of three months from the date of original testing has elapsed.

**32.5(2)** Applicant shall complete instruction in an adult education program, in the area or areas to be retested. This instruction shall be certified by an official of the adult education program to the test administrator (state or local) authorized to release the retest earlier than three months.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 259A.2 and 259A.5.  
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**281—32.6(259A) Application fee.** The applicant or supporting agency shall pay an application fee to cover only actual testing costs.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 259A.2 and 259A.5.  
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**281—32.7(259A) Diploma, transcript, verification fees.** Upon payment of \$10 to the Iowa department of education, the department shall prepare and issue a high school equivalency diploma to an applicant who has achieved the minimum and average scores established in rule 281—32.3(259A). Upon payment of \$10 to the Iowa department of education, the department shall prepare and issue a copy of an applicant's transcript to the applicant or person authorized by the applicant to request the transcript. Upon payment of \$10 to the Iowa department of education, the department shall prepare and issue a verification that an applicant has earned a high school equivalency diploma to the applicant or person authorized by the applicant to request the verification.

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**281—32.8(259A) Admission to testing.** No one under 16 years of age is allowed to test. Testing of 16-year-olds is restricted to these conditions: (a) resident of an Iowa juvenile institution; or (b) under the supervision of a probation office. To take the high school equivalency test, anyone 17 years of age

or older who is not enrolled in a secondary school or who is not a high school graduate may be admitted to testing. The only requirements for admission for testing are proof of age and, for an applicant 17 or 18 years of age, consent of the applicant's parent or guardian and verification of nonenrolled status. The applicant cannot receive a diploma until the applicant has reached 18 years of age and the applicant's class from ninth grade has graduated.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 259A.2.

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