## CHAPTER 32 HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA

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**281—32.1(259A) Test.** Applicants for high school equivalency diplomas shall satisfactorily complete the General Educational Development Tests published by the General Educational Development Testing Service of the American Council on Education, One Dupont Circle, Washington, D.C. 20036.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 259A.1.

**281—32.2(259A)** By whom administered. The General Educational Development Tests shall be administered in official testing centers authorized by the General Educational Development Testing Service, other agencies for whom scores are reported by the General Educational Development Testing Service, Defense Activities for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES), and other institutions and agencies upon special authorization of the Commission on Educational Credit and Credentials.

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

- **281—32.3(259A) Minimum score.** Applicants shall make a minimum standard score of 410 on each test and an average standard score of 450 on all five of the General Educational Development Tests. [ARC 9903B, IAB 12/14/11, effective 1/18/12]
- **281—32.4(259A) Date of test.** Test results dated prior to the date of application will be acceptable provided the tests were taken at an authorized center as specified in rule 32.2(259A).
- **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 \$10 fee, 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 six 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 chief or alternate examiner administering the retest(s).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 259A.2 and 259A.5. [ARC 9903B, IAB 12/14/11, effective 1/18/12]

**281—32.6(259A) Application fee.** The applicant or supporting agency shall pay an application fee of \$25. This fee shall be paid to the official Iowa General Educational Development Testing Agency and shall allow for initial testing and scoring of the initial testing of the eligible candidate with the five General Educational Development Tests.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 259A.2 and 259A.5. [ARC 9903B, IAB 12/14/11, effective 1/18/12]

**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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