

281—32.7(259A) High school equivalency diploma program based on a department-approved test. The department shall award a high school equivalency diploma to an applicant who achieves the appropriate minimum standard scores on an approved test.

32.7(1) *Validity of test scores.* Scores on an approved test shall remain valid for a period of five years from the date of the first subtest taken. If an applicant has not earned a high school equivalency diploma within this five-year period, the applicant must retake any expired subtest. The only exception is for test series that expire prior to the five-year period, in which case all previously taken subtests are void and must be retaken.

32.7(2) *Retest.* Any applicant not achieving the minimum standard test score on any subtest in effect at the time of testing shall be permitted to apply for retest. Applicants may retest twice per calendar year, provided one of the following conditions is met:

- a.* A period of three months from the date of initial testing has elapsed; or
- b.* The applicant completes instruction in an adult education and literacy program in each subject area to be retested. This instruction shall be certified by an official of the adult education and literacy program provider to the test administrator authorized to release the retest.

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