

Report From Agency
FINAL REPORT
CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 13-114
CHAPTER PI 5
High School Equivalency Diplomas and Certificates of General Educational Development

Analysis by the Department of Public Instruction

Statutory authority: s. 115.29(4), Stats.

Statute interpreted: s. 115.29(4), Stats.

The basis and purpose of the proposed rule, including how the proposed rule advances relevant statutory goals or purpose:

PI 5 governs the issuance of high school completion credentials by the State Superintendent, which includes the certificate for completion of the General Educational Development (GED) Test and the High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED). This rule change is designed to align the rule with changes in the GED Test. The current rule references the number of subtests and the passing scores for the GED, which changed in January 2014 when a new test was implemented by GED Testing Service. Additionally, technical changes are needed to align the rule with statute.

The following changes were made to PI 5:

- Changed the name of the corporation who owns the test based on changes in incorporation for GED Testing Service, LLC.
 - Changed the number of subtests from 5 to 4 because the new test only has 4 subtests.
 - Corrected the language to indicate that the passing score will now be 150 on each of the 4 subtests and that there will be no average score to be attained.
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A list of the persons who appeared or registered for or against the proposed rule at a public hearing:

The hearing notice was published in the January 31, 2014 edition of the Wisconsin Administrative Register. A public hearing was held on February 24, 2014. No one appeared or registered for or against the proposed rule.

Summary of public comments relative to the rule, the agency's response to those comments, and changes made as a result of those comments:

A public hearing was held but no one testified. No written comments were received.

Changes to the plain language analysis or the fiscal estimate:

The plain language analysis was changed to the past tense to reflect the fact that a new test was implemented by the GED Testing Service in January 2014. No other changes were made.

Responses to Clearinghouse Report:

The Department addressed all of the comments in the Clearinghouse Report. The Department made the following changes:

- Removed the reference to “average passing score” in other parts of the rule.

- Made other revisions in form, style and placement and clarity, grammar, punctuation, and use of plain language, as suggested in the Clearinghouse Report.