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CURRENT VERSION OF GED TEST TO EXPIRE AT END OF 2013

Millions who have started but not finished the test at risk of having to start over

(Washington, DC) –Today, [GED Testing Service](http://GEDtestingservice.com) announced the launch of its campaign, [Your Future is Calling](http://YourFutureisCalling.com), to alert test-takers who need to finish the GED test by the end of 2013. The current version of the test—the 2002 Series GED Test—will expire at the end of 2013, along with incomplete test scores. As part of National Adult Education & Family Literacy Week, GED Testing Service invites educators and literacy partners nationwide to join the campaign.

“More than a million adults have started but not finished the current GED test,” said Nicole Chestang, executive vice president of GED Testing Service. “As a nation, we cannot afford to let millions of working-aged adults miss this opportunity to complete and pass the GED test, opening doors to college, training, and better jobs.”

Those interested in joining the campaign can sign up online at GEDtestingservice.com/jointhecampaign. On the campaign site you can find talking points, outreach strategies, and print materials to help inform test-takers of this deadline and opportunity. GED test-takers can find more information at finishtheGED.com, or by visiting one of their local adult education or GED testing centers.

The GED test contains five parts that can be taken separately, but must all be passed to receive a high school credential. GED test-takers who have started the 2002 Series GED Test, but not finished and passed every section, have until the end of 2013 to do so. Otherwise, their scores will expire, and they will have to start over again with the new 2014 GED test.

“There are resources available to GED test-takers in every state. Whether you need classes, online preparation, or just someone to help you get through the process, support is available,” said Debi Faucette, former GED Administrator and State Adult Education Director for the State of Louisiana. “If you know a GED test-taker, please encourage them to test before the 2013 deadline. They should visit finishtheGED.com or go to their local GED testing center for more information.”

The [new 2014 GED test](http://new2014GEDtest.com) will be based on emerging national and state standards. It will offer dual performance levels where test-takers can earn the high school equivalency credential as well as an additional endorsement that indicates career- and college-readiness. The test will be delivered solely on computer and offered only in official testing centers.

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About GED Testing Service

The GED test has opened doors to better jobs and college programs for more than 18 million graduates since 1942. Last year, nearly 800,000 adults sat for the GED test, which is accepted by virtually all U.S. colleges and employers. As the creator of the only official GED test, [GED Testing Service](#) has a responsibility to ensure that the program continues to be a reliable and valuable pathway to a better life for the millions of adults without a high school diploma.

About the GED Test on Computer

Currently 24 states offer the GED test on computer at authorized testing centers. The GED test on computer is the same 2002 series GED test that is currently offered on paper and pencil. Test-takers must take the GED test – whether on paper or computer – in person at an official GED testing center. The GED test is [never offered online](#).