

## **GED® Test Accommodations Requesting & Processing**

- The applicant should go to the nearest GED Testing Center for the correct form.
  - Learning Disability
  - Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
  - Emotional or Mental Health
  - Physical/Chronic Health Disability
- Your advocate may assist you by copying information from your medical and/or educational records to your Request for Accommodations form(s).
- Be sure that assessments by licensed diagnosticians have occurred recently since some "older" assessments of disabilities or conditions may be viewed as being too old to be currently valid. Each form will tell you how "old" the diagnosis may be to be allowable. If you have questions, please contact the Chief Examiner at the Testing Center.
- A diagnosis by a qualified professional such as a psychologist, psychiatrist, medical doctor, learning disability specialist, or other professional must be done and properly recorded on the correct form for the request to be considered. In most cases, a letter from the licensed diagnostician/doctor must accompany the form.
- Return the completed forms to the local GED testing center. The GED Examiner will forward the forms to the state office for approval.

### **What is the turn-around time?**

Allow 4 weeks for the state office to review the documentation.

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### **Do accommodations make the test easier?**

No. Accommodations simply level the playing field much like self-accommodations such as eye glasses help you see better, but do not "make you smarter."

Test accommodations do not change the level of competence that the GED Tests measure, so it can be expected that a GED candidate who passes the GED Tests with accommodations will have the same level of academic competence possessed by all adults who earn a similar score on the GED Tests.

### **What GED test accommodations need to be approved by the state office?**

- Extended time
- Frequent, supervised breaks
- Private room
- Large print with extended time
- Audiocassette version
- Calculator, talking calculator (for Part Two of the Math test)
- Braille version
- Deaf Interpreter for test instructions
- Printed instructions

### **Questions?**

If you have questions, please call Deborah Lares, Oregon GED Administrator, at 503-378-8648 ext 373 or by email at [deborah.lares@state.or.us](mailto:deborah.lares@state.or.us).