

If you are a Canadian adult and you need a high school diploma, one of the ways to obtain an equivalency diploma is to write and successfully pass all five tests on the GED (General Educational Development) exam. All five tests are written in one weekend (Friday evening and Saturday). The GED exam measures your ability to understand and reason rather than how well you recall facts. The emphasis in the GED exam is on comprehension, application, analysis, and evaluation of reading material and data.

To be eligible to write the GED exam, you must be 18 years or older, and have been out of school for at least 10 consecutive months.

Many employers will recognize a high school equivalency diploma as the same as a high school diploma. If your employer requires you to have a high school diploma, please discuss with them if the GED is an option for you.

For most postsecondary programs, the GED is not considered an appropriate prerequisite. If you want to further your education, please ensure you contact your institution or program of choice to discuss the necessary prerequisites. If the GED is not appropriate, you may wish to consider taking your prerequisite courses through the Academic Upgrading Department at Grande Prairie Regional College either at the Grande Prairie Campus or Fairview Campus.