



Verification of High School Equivalency Test Candidate Identity and Pennsylvania Residency

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POLICY STATEMENT

Individuals who want to take a high school equivalency test in Pennsylvania must provide acceptable proof of identity and Pennsylvania residency in the form of documentation that provides all of the following:

- Candidate's name
- Address
- Date of birth
- Signature
- Current photograph

The standard documents for verifying identity and Pennsylvania residency are a Pennsylvania driver's license or a Pennsylvania Photo ID.

IDENTITY VERIFICATION WITHOUT A PENNSYLVANIA DRIVER'S LICENSE OR PENNSYLVANIA PHOTO ID

Other acceptable documents for verifying identity are a valid US or foreign passport, military ID, or other US or foreign government-issued documentation that includes the required information (name, current photo, date of birth, and signature).

Note: Exception to the photo requirement may be made on religious grounds when the test candidate provides sufficient documentation for an exemption.

RESIDENCY VERIFICATION WITHOUT A PENNSYLVANIA DRIVER'S LICENSE OR PHOTO ID

Other acceptable documents for verifying Pennsylvania residency include a utility bill, signed lease, tax record, voter registration form, bank statement and auto registration. A combination of documents listed above is acceptable for verifying identity and Pennsylvania residency for the purposes of high school equivalency testing.

If any documentation presented by the test candidate to verify identity and/or Pennsylvania residency is outdated, does not appear to be an official document, or is suspected of being forged, it can be rejected as not meeting the verification of identity and eligibility requirements for high school equivalency testing.