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Today's Learning Objectives

- Helpful test day reminders
- Managing testing issues
- Service Direct
- GED Test Center Support Line
- Navigating the various Guides and Support Materials
- Other helpful tips
- Working with your GED Administrator™
- Questions and Discussion





Before Test Day







Prior to test day



Ensure that the name and the date of birth is correct on the Tester's account to avoid receiving incorrect information on credentials

Make sure the correct Tester is scheduled (watch for multiple people with similar names)

Have a seating plan so you can make sure the Tester is seated at the correct computer to test and in the event VUE reaches out to you later on asking where a particular Tester was seated





On Test Day



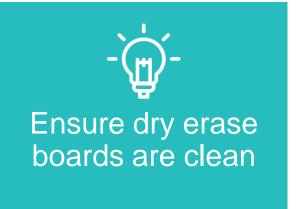




Pre-Test Best Practices















Daily Startup Checklist

- Check your voicemail and email for any instructions or information from Pearson VUE that might affect the day's schedule.
- Log in to the Connect portal, and use the RMA connection log application to check that RMA is running properly. Run RMA manually, if necessary
- Check Service Direct to see if any new cases have been assigned to your test center and review the open cases.
- Familiarize yourself with the day's activities and print the schedule if you choose.
- While reviewing the day's testing schedule, be sure that any accommodations that are required have been prepared.



Check In



Confirm the ID matches (when available) with the Tester scheduled and the information in Registration Manager

- •Name should be an exact match!!
- As best practice ask Tester to identify their name and DOB verbally



Check for unauthorized items



Have your seating plan available so the correct Tester is seated at the correct computer



For every 15 Testers an additional test administrator is needed (Pearson VUE requirement)





Physical Test Monitoring

Test Administrators should be continuously monitoring testing

If something goes wrong with the exam while the candidate is testing, contact VSS immediately

Circulate through the room every 10-20 minutes during test events

Be aware of any cheating or other suspicious activity (Candidate misconduct)





Managing Testing Issues







What testing issues are there?



Misconduct

- Proxy Testing
- Spy Glasses
- Hidden Notes/Cheating
- Disruptive Testers

Other Issues

- Lockdown (in Corrections)
- Can't test due to unforeseen circumstances or an emergency
- Technical Issues





Candidate Misconduct

- If you suspect misconduct, ask the Tester to leave the testing room immediately and put the test in unscheduled break mode.
 DO NOT stop the test.
- Inform the Tester that you will be creating a case for conduct review with VUE
- Create a case as soon as possible in Service Direct
- After the candidate leaves, resume exam and press Ctrl+Shift+F12 and select Abandon Exam option.

- Cases in Service Direct should include the following:
 - Detailed description of Tester behavior
 - Location or situation when confronting the Tester
 - Names and roles of all people involved
 - Tester's reaction and discussion between TA and Tester including Tester comments





Spy Glasses

- What do spy glasses look like?
- •What to do if a Tester is wearing glasses?



If a Tester is wearing glasses, inform them that you must inspect the glasses

Ask the Tester to remove them and place them with the bridge down and arms unfolded on a hard surface

While inspecting, look for USB ports, covers, hinged compartments, slots for micro SD or TF cards, buttons, lights, and pin holes









What to do if spy glasses are identified?

- Ask the Tester to surrender the camera glasses and confiscate them
 - When attempting to confiscate use best judgement for safety
- Take a photo of the spy glasses when possible
- Create a case in Service Direct and attach the photo to the case
- If you have any questions contact the Test Center Support Line immediately at 1-833-246-8320

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Service Direct

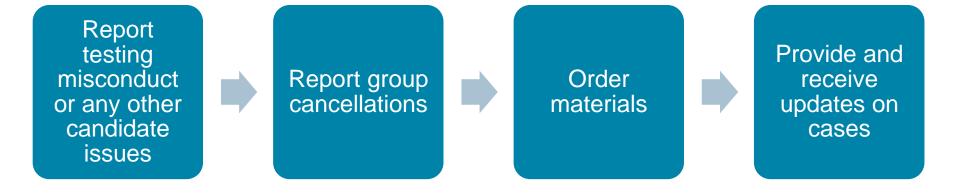






What is Service Direct?









Service Direct (Resources)

ServiceDirect Training Module

ServiceDirect for Test Center Employees

ServiceDirect Quick Reference Cards

- •QRC Accessing ServiceDirect
- •QRC Add a Comment
- •QRC Case Notices
- •QRC Configuring Your Browser
- QRC Creating Cases
- QRC Edit Profile Settings
- •QRC Logging Out
- •QRC Navigating ServiceDirect
- QRC Navigating ServiceDirect Lightning for Test Administrators
- QRC Search Basics
- QRC Taking Ownership
- •QRC Training Tracker
- •QRC Updating Cases
- •QRC Using Knowledge
- QRC Viewing and Working Tasks
- •QRC Working with Views
- Leverage the tutorials by periodically reviewing the videos and the quick reference cards – In Connect, click on Resources and then Support materials and then ServiceDirect
- If you've not used ServiceDirect much, refer to these tools before using different functions

ServiceDirect-Creating Cases

Quick Reference Card

Cases are created for individual support requests, situations, or incidents As a case is created, it is assigned a unique identifier for tracking and managing the related work or for reporting its status.

Knowing how to create and submit cases will help you manage simple support requests, such as ordering supplies, as well as critical incidents.

In this Reference, you will learn how to create and submit cases.

Step 1- Create a Case

- 1. Log in to **Connect** and open ServiceDirect.
- From the upper-right corner of the 2. main home screen, click Create Case.



The Case Topic and Type fields are displayed.

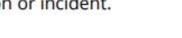


* Indicates a required field.

Step 2- Select Topic and Type

Case type

Select 'Topic' option that matches your request, situation or incident.





Additional Service Direct functions

Ordering Materials

- Items like erasable noteboards need to be requested via a case
- Create a case and select the options:
- Topic: Test Center Request
- Type: Test Center fulfillment
- Pens cannot be ordered, but should be superfine tip, black, dry erase whiteboard markers

Suggesting changes to documentation or needing clarification

- Create a case with the option
- Topic: Test Center Request
- Type: Test center documentation inquiry
- Note the error or discrepancy, outdated information, or policy/procedure that needs clarification
- Suggestions for improving information always helpful





GED Test Center Support Line



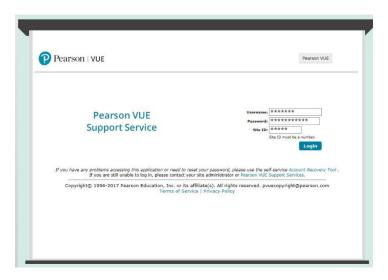




GED Support Line – Where to Find Matrix

Step 1: Log Into VSS

- a) Navigate to the VSS website: https://vss.pearsonvue.com.
- b) On the VSS website sign-in page, type your username, password, and site ID, and click Login.



Step 2: Go to Downloads

- a) Clink on the Exam Sponsor Documentation A-Z
- b) Select GED Test Services and click on Filter







GED Support Line – Where to Find Matrix

Step 3: Select Matrix

- a) In the list, find GED-Only Site Support Line Matrix
- b) Open and Print document









GED Support Line – All-in-One (Quality, Tech, and Customer Support)

This support line is for GED® testing centers only – please do not give this number to your students.

For test administrators	Contact
VUE Support Services (VSS) technical support:	Website: www.PearsonHelp.com
Downloading, launching, or delivering exams	Phone: 1-888-344-7924 (option 1)
Installing Pearson VUE hardware and software	Note: Do not provide this contact information to
Running the Remote Maintenance Agent (RMA)	candidates.
Logging into or obtaining a verification code for Connect	
Locating missing results	
Obtaining authentication codes for exams	

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Candidate Services (Program Coordinators):		Phone: 1-888-344-7924 (option 2)
•	Answering questions about non-technical candidate issues (e.g., clarifying policies and handling candidate misconduct)	Note: Do not provide this contact information to candidates.
•	Assisting with test center schedule issues (e.g., the candidate is not appearing on the schedule)	
•	Explaining ID requirements and providing approval for ID exceptions	
•	Scheduling same-day or future appointments	
GED Manager Support:		Email: operations@ged.com
•	Assistance with test administrator login information	Note: Do not provide this contact information to candidates.
•	Assistance with candidate profiles in GED Manager	





GED Support Line – Customer Service For Students/Candidates

For candidates	Contact
If candidates at your test center need assistance, direct them to Pearson VUE Customer Service. Do not provide any other contact information to candidates.	Phone: 1-877-392-6433 Email: help@ged.com
Pearson VUE Customer Service:	Email: helpeged.com
Scheduling, rescheduling, or canceling exams	
Answering candidate questions about exams	





Navigating the Policy and Procedures Guide



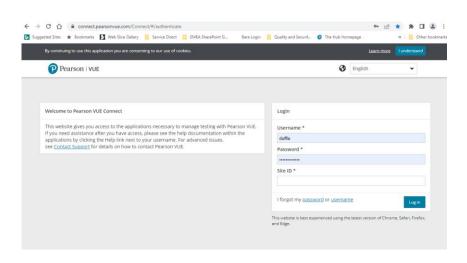




How to Locate Policy and Procedures Guide

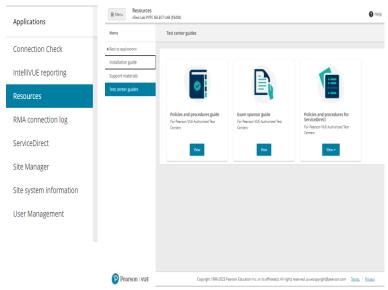
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Step 2: Resources/Test Center Guides

- a) Click on Resources
- b) Click Test Center Guides

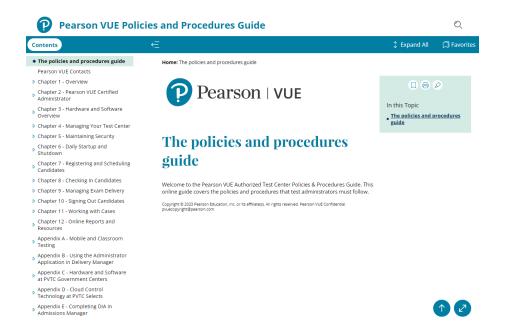






Policy and Procedures Guide – Table of Contents

The table of contents lists each chapter or section within the guide. After you select a chapter or section in the table of contents, the content appears in the viewing window.

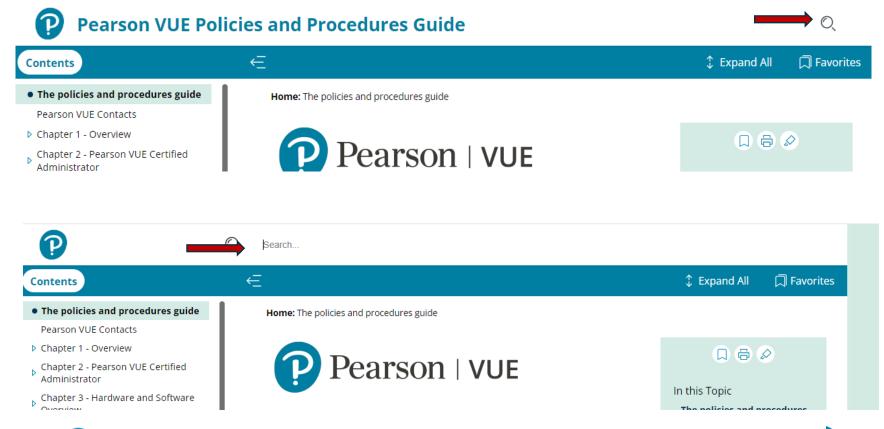


Tip: Click the icons located to the left of each chapter or section name to expand or collapse the sections.



Policy and Procedures Guide – Search Pane

The search pane allows you to search for specific words and phrases within the guide. It also shows the results from the search.

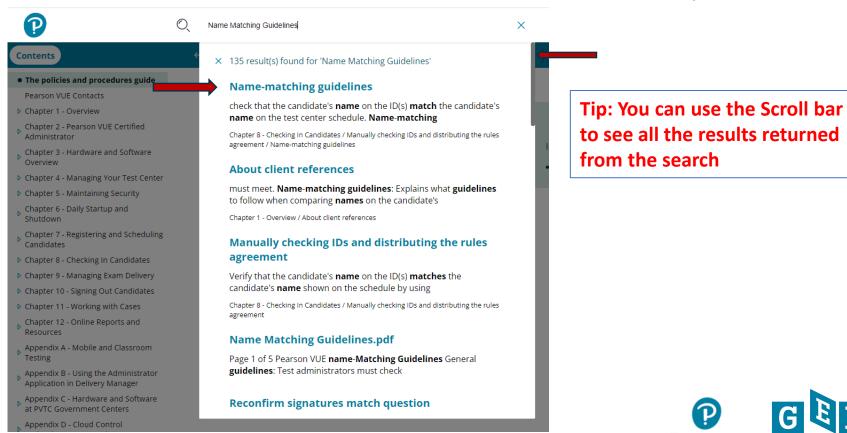






Policy and Procedures Guide – Search Pane

Type in the word or phase of the policy you are looking for in the Search box. For example: "Name Matching Guidelines". Click the link "Name Matching Guidelines" in the search pane and . . .

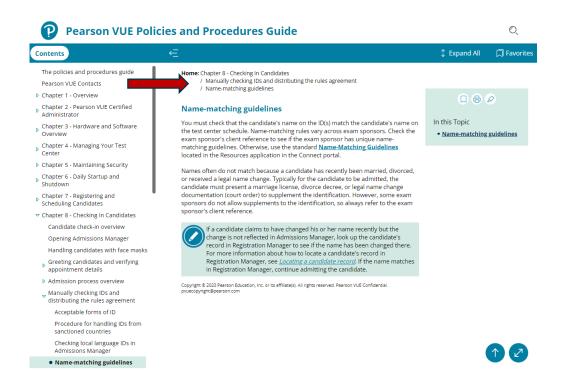






Policy and Procedures Guide – Search Pane

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Tip: The Chapter and section will be displayed above the section





GED Sponsor Guide vs. Policy and Procedures Guide



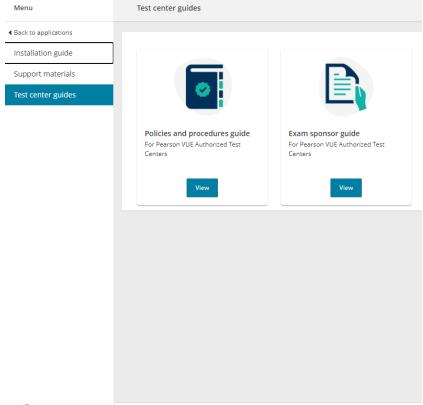






When to use Exam Sponsor Guide

If the Exam Sponsor (GED) has a different policy than the standard policy, it will be documented in the Exam Sponsor Guide. Exam Sponsor Guides also have information about the exam(s).







GED Sponsor Guide (Client Reference)

Sponsor Guides are separated into three sections: Front Desk Administration, Proctoring, and Supplemental Information



GED Testing Service® Client Reference

This GED Testing Service® Client Reference provides the standard policy and exam information for all jurisdictions unless stated otherwise in the jurisdiction reference sheet. Each jurisdiction has a separate jurisdiction reference sheet that contains specific policies and exam information that applies only for the jurisdiction. Please make sure to also refer to the jurisdiction reference sheet for jurisdiction-specific policies.

FRONT DESK ADMINISTRATION

1.1 RULES DOCUMENT

- . U.S./Territories Jurisdictions: GED® Test Candidate Rules Agreement and NDA
- Canada/International Jurisdictions: GED® Test Candidate Rules Agreement and NDA Canada and International

1.2 IDENTIFICATION

Note: The identification requirements for GED vary by country and jurisdiction. For full details, be sure to review the applicable jurisdiction reference sheet for each candidate in addition to the GED Testing Service Client Reference.

Identification Requirements

<u>Primary</u> required; do not seat candidates for an exam unless they provide one form of valid ID.

Before you turn away a candidate because of an identification issue, call the test center support line to contact a program coordinator or Candidate Services.

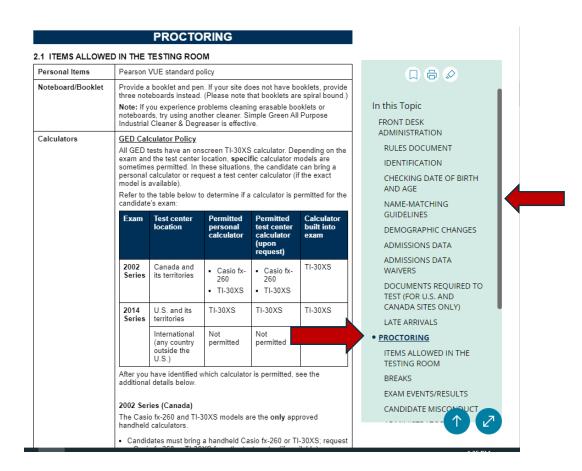
- U.S. and Canada: Call 1-888-344-7924 (option 2) to contact a program coordinator.
- Asia Pacific (APAC) Region: Call +85-2-3077-4923 to contact
 Candidate Services





GED Sponsor Guide (Client Reference)

You can navigate to a different section by either using the scrollbar or clicking on a topic or subtopic.







Jurisdiction Reference Sheet

Each testing jurisdiction will have a reference sheet that will have additional guidance.





New York Jurisdiction Reference Sheet GED Testing Service

This GED Testing Service® Jurisdiction Reference Sheet contains **specific** exam information and policies that apply only to the computer-based GED® tests delivered in New York. Refer to the GED Testing Service® Client Reference for standard exam information and policies that apply to all jurisdictions unless otherwise stated below.

Items:

- Exam Pricing
- Identification
- Age Requirements

- Residency Requirements
- Retake Requirements
- Other Information
- Contacting Jurisdiction





Support Materials







When to Use Support Materials

Support Materials provides documentation that test administrators need to do their jobs, however it isn't meant to be used to look up a policy or procedure.

Menu	Support materials
Back to applications	
Installation guide	Search across all folders by client or title
Support materials	Search Clear search
Test center guides	
	■ Public Health Concerns Information
	Exam Sponsor Documentation A-M
	Exam Sponsor Documentation N-Z
	Policies and Procedures Guides
	Quarterly Updates
	■ ServiceDirect
	Software Installation Instructions
	■ Test Center Materials
	■ Testing Systems Application + Support Files
	■ Training Materials





Files and Materials in Support Materials

The three folders you will use the most are: ServiceDirect, Test Center Materials and Training Materials

Category Name	Category Contents
Public Health Concerns Information	Documentation and policy guidelines pertaining to a public health concern (i.e., COVID 19)
Exam Sponsor Documentation	Exam sponsor client references and updates; Certification and employment testing documentation
ServiceDirect	Quick Reference Cards (QRC) related to ServiceDirect topics; ServiceDirect Training Module for TAs
Software Installation Instructions	Installation Guides
Test Center Materials	Backup admissions data sheets, log sheets, checklists, rules agreements and other general materials
Testing Systems Application + Support Files	Pearson VUE Testing Systems Application files and support files
Training Materials	Test center training modules, tutorials and other training documents





Did you know?







Name Changes



Since June 1^{st,} 2018, GED®Testing Service no longer supports name changes due to Marriage/Divorce for Testers who have already credentialed

GEDTS continues to support name changes under the following circumstances with formal documentation

- Required court-ordered such as witness protection and gender changes
- Provide the ability to correct their names in cases of typos
- We will also help inmate graduates make use of credentials obtained while incarcerated under an alias. This process, however, requires approval from the state GED Administrator™





What you can do to ensure accounts are accurate



EMAIL help@ged.com to get name and/or DOB updated (EVEN IF TESTER HAS CREDENTIALED) but note this can take up to 5 business days and is not something that can be done over the phone





How to get accounts merged

If you realize that a
Tester has more than
1 GED account,
please reach out to
help@ged.com and
request for the
accounts to be
merged

In your email, please state the GED ID numbers of the accounts (you might not know this information)

State the Tester's first name, last name and DOB

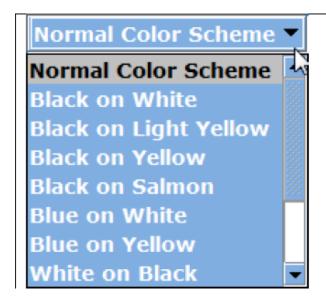
Also, please indicate which account should be kept

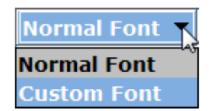
Note: this is referred to as the "surviving" account





Font and Color Contrast Adjustment





All GED exams give Testers the option to adjust the font and color scheme appearing onscreen at any time during an exam.



You do not need to request font and color adjustments from GEDTS prior to the exam; these are automatically available for all Testers taking the GED® test.





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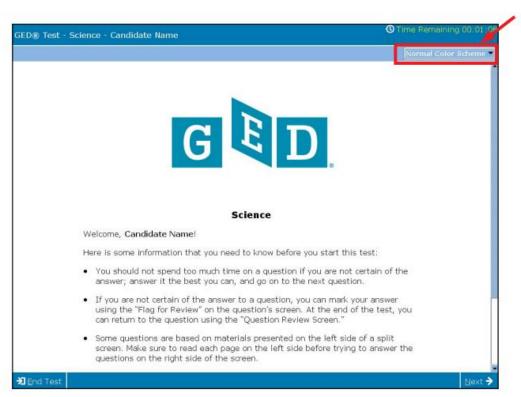


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On-Screen Color Combinations for the GED® Test

When you take the GED® test, you can change what your test looks like. Choose from 11 different color combinations for your test's text and background colors. Choose the color combination that is easiest for you to read on your computer screen. You can change the colors at any time during the test, and as many times as you want.

Changing the colors of your test is simple. Just choose the colors from the dropdown menu, shown below in the red box.







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Making your GED® test on computer easier to read is simple! Choose from one of the five text sizes available on the test. Text sizes include standard (100%), 125%, 150%, 175%, and 200%. The higher the number you pick, the larger the text will be on your test. Choose the size that is easiest for you to read. You can change the size at any time during the test, and as many times as you want.

Changing the text size on your test is easy. Just choose the text size that is easiest to read from the "Normal Font" dropdown menu, shown below in the red box. Normal Font" dropdown menu, shown below in the red box.





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Here are a few of the text size options you can choose from to make your test easier to read.









Working With Your GED Administrator™







How the GED Administrator™ Can Assist

GED Administrators can facilitate updates to State Adult Education websites

- Provide updated information about the tests
 - Links to the test vendor registration page
 - Links to the student navigation videos
- Provide a location map to all testing centers with contact information that includes: location name, address, contact number and/or a link to their website.
- Q&A with most frequently asked questions





How the GED Administrator™ Can Assist

- Connect test centers to the correct individual at GEDTS/Pearson VUE to resolve difficulties
- Provide guidance on state-specific policies and procedures
- Provide testing center-specific and state-specific testing data
- Provide annual state test administrator (TA) trainings and facilitate meetings





Thank you!

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