

HiSET

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I register for and schedule the HiSET?

To register and schedule the HiSET you must *first* create an online HiSET account. To create the account go to:

[www.http://hiset.ets.org/test_takers/](http://hiset.ets.org/test_takers/)

Please call ETS at 1-855-MyHiSET (1-855-694-4738) if you have problems creating your online HiSET account.

After you create your online HiSET account you will need to return to the HiSET website to schedule and pay for your exam.

IMPORTANT: You will need a government issued photo ID and full payment to schedule.

How much does the HiSET cost?

The full battery of tests costs \$125. When you pay for the full battery, you are allowed to retake each subtest a total of two times. From the time you pay for your test, you have one year to pass each subtest. Subtests may be scheduled over multiple testing sessions.

If you would prefer to take and pay for one subtest at a time, the first subtest you schedule will cost \$25. Each subsequent subtest will cost \$25.

Do I need to pass a practice test to register and schedule?

If you are over the age of 18, Keene Community Education does not require you to pass a practice test to register and schedule the HiSET. If you are under the age of 18, you are required to pass an official practice test per the State of New Hampshire Bureau of Adult Education guidelines. Practice tests are given at Keene Community Education and require pre-registration.

Cost and Required Identification:

Practice tests- \$5.00 per test. Payable at **registration time** by cash or money order ONLY.

A government-issued photo ID is required to register and to be admitted on the day of testing: passport, driver's license, or non-driver's state ID. Birth certificate/student ID are not accepted.

How do I prepare?

FREE preparation classes are available at Keene Community Education. Please call Keene Community Education at 603-357-0088 for more information.

FREE preparation materials and low-cost practice materials are available online including a tutorial video and practice tests at **<http://hiset.ets.org/prepare/overview>**.

FREE study materials may be available at your local library.

Are computer-based or paper-based testing options available?

The computer-based format is the current option in Keene available monthly, and the paper-based format is offered a few times each year. The paper-based format or a combination of both may also be available at other testing centers in New Hampshire. See the State of New Hampshire Bureau of Adult Education website for information about other testing centers.

Are test accommodations available?

Test accommodations are available for test takers with disabilities or health-related needs and must be approved by ETS well before testing is scheduled. Accommodations can be obtained directly from ETS by following the steps outlined on this webpage:

<http://hiset.ets.org/take/disabilities/>

How much time do I have for each test?

The HiSET is completed in two 4-hour testing sessions. The complete HiSET battery consists of five subtests:

Math — 55 multiple choice questions, 90 minutes

Language Arts-Writing — Part I (60 multiple choice) and Part II (essay), 120 minutes

Science — 60 multiple choice questions, 80 minutes

Social Studies — 60 multiple choice questions, 70 minutes

Language Arts-Reading — 50 multiple choice questions, 65 minutes

Is a Spanish HiSET offered?

Testing in Spanish is available as an option when registering for the tests on the HiSET website.

I am under the age of 18, can I take the HiSET?

If you are 16-years-old or older you may take the HiSET, but must follow the guidelines from the State of New Hampshire Bureau of Adult Education. Students who are under the age of 18 must follow specific procedures in order to register for and schedule the HiSET. Test takers under the age of 18 should talk to their high school guidance counselor before contacting HiSET or our testing center.

The link for further state information is:

<https://www.education.nh.gov/who-we-are/division-of-learner-support/bureau-of-adult-education/nh-high-school-equivalency>

How is the test scored?

In order to pass the HiSET and obtain a New Hampshire HiSET certificate, all 3 of the following criteria must be met:

NOTE: A perfect score for each test is 20; a perfect combined score is 100.

1. Minimum of 8 to pass any one test. Any test under 8 must be retaken.
2. Minimum score of 2 on the writing subtest essay (scored separately from the multiple-choice section.)
3. Minimum total combined score of 45 or higher.

When is the next test?

For an up-to-date testing schedule, please visit www.keenecommunityed.org. Tests currently open for registration are also listed on the HiSET website.

Where do I test?

All testing is done at Keene Community Education, 227 Maple Avenue in Keene.

When will I get my results?

When you complete a computer-delivered test, immediate, unofficial scores are displayed for all multiple-choice sections.

On average, official test scores for both computer- and paper-delivered tests are posted within:

- 3–5 business days for multiple-choice sections
- 6–10 business days for the essay section
- Access to computer-based scores is available on the same day as testing.

Note: The Language Arts – Writing subtest contains both multiple-choice and essay questions. Only a combined score is reported, so scores are available within approximately 6–10 business days.

Do you still have unanswered questions?

**Then call us, stop by our center,
or visit our website.**

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