

# Did You Know?



GED graduates earn an average of \$7000 more per year than those without a high school diploma or GED.

700,000 working-age Virginians, 18 to 64 years of age, do not have a high school diploma. Of those, 500,000 have the potential to earn their GEDs in 60 to 180 days.

In five years, 70% of job openings will require a technical skills certificate. Workers can't get such a certificate without a high school diploma or a GED.

GED graduates perform as well as traditional high school graduates in technical skills training, community college, and four-year college.

The GED Fast Track uses specialized instruction that focuses each individual on what he or she needs to learn to pass the GED tests in 90 days or less. The pass rate for GED Fast Track students is 90%.

Call the Virginia GED Helpline toll-free at 1-877-37-MY-GED or visit [www.vaged.vcu.edu](http://www.vaged.vcu.edu)



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# Getting the GED can be the beginning of a brighter future for you.



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**FOR INFORMATION** about studying for and taking the GED test, call the **Virginia GED Helpline toll-free at 1-877-37-MY-GED** (1-877-376-9433). We can help you join the more than 700,000 adults around the world who take the GED test each year.

**Call the Helpline to find out about:**

- **GED preparation classes near you**
- **Ways to study using your television or a computer**
- **How to study for the test and tips to help you do your best when taking the test**
- **Where to take the test**

Trained counselors are available to answer any questions you have about the GED. They can help you understand your scores after you have taken the test.

You can also visit our website at [www.vaged.vcu.edu](http://www.vaged.vcu.edu) to find GED preparation class locations, computer and television study options, test taking tips, frequently asked questions, practice tests, testing locations, and much more.

## Getting Your GED Will Put You In Good Company

Some very successful people including comedian Bill Cosby, Wendy's founder Dave Thomas, Delaware Governor Ruth Minner, and Colorado Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell have received their GEDs.

## Getting Your GED Will Help You Get Ahead In Life

Employers hire, give raises to, and promote GED graduates as often as they do traditional high school graduates. Getting your GED will help you take better care of your family and give you more choices in your future.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### How Old Do I Have To Be?

In general, you must be 18 years old and not enrolled in school to take the GED. In some cases, exceptions are made for people age 16-17. A Virginia GED Helpline counselor can help you determine if you can take the test.

### Do I Have To Live In Virginia?

You do not have to be a Virginia resident to take the Virginia GED. If you don't live here but are involved in an adult education or workplace program, you may also be able to take the Virginia test.

### How Can I Get Ready?

There are many study and practice options available including classes in your area, online classes, and even television programs. Call the Virginia GED Helpline or visit our website for more information.

### I Have A Disability. Can I Get Help Taking The Test?

Yes. Accommodations can be made for those needing assistance taking the test. Your GED counselor at the Virginia GED Helpline can give you more information.

### What Subjects Does The GED Cover?

The GED is a series of five tests with questions covering reading, writing, mathematics, social studies, and science.

### What Do My Test Scores Mean?

A counselor at the Virginia GED Helpline can discuss your scores with you and help you understand what your test results mean.

### What If I Don't Pass The Test?

You can have other chances to pass the test. A counselor at the Virginia GED Helpline can help you decide how to best prepare to retake the test.

**You can do it! And we can help.**  
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