



Ministry of Education

Student Certification Unit

General Educational Development

GED®

Request for Special Accommodations of Standard GED® Test Administration

This form is to be completed and sent to the GED® Chief Examiner, in Victoria, for approval. **It must be accompanied by your signed GED® application form and fee. Supporting medical documentation or a summary of recognized and standardized test results verifying the disability MUST be included, or this request cannot be considered.**

GED® CANDIDATE

This section must be completed by the GED® Candidate.

GED® Candidate Name (please print)

Date of Birth

Social Insurance Number

Name of Testing Centre (Regional College)

Test Site (City)

Test Date

Release of Information:

I grant permission to release my medical or psychological records to the GED Testing Service® to verify my special accommodation request.

Signature of GED® Candidate

VERIFYING AND DOCUMENTING DISABILITIES

Verification of documented disabilities must occur before a GED® candidate can request special accommodations during testing. The GED® Testing Center may grant special accommodations to GED® candidates for **three** different types of documented disabilities. **The supporting medical documentation or assessment test results verifying the type of disability MUST accompany this form.**

1. **Medical Disabilities:** such as cerebral palsy, epilepsy, hearing impairment or blindness

Documentation Required: Medical verification documenting the disability due to nervous system impairment, musculoskeletal conditions; and/or chronic health impairment written by a physician or other certified medical professional; or medical verification from an ophthalmologist or Optometrist documenting the blindness or visual impairment; or an audiological report verifying deafness or hearing loss.

2. **Emotional or Psychological Disabilities:** such as schizophrenia, major depression, anxiety or stress-related disorders, attention deficit disorder, bipolar disorder, or Tourette Syndrome

Documentation Required: Medical verification from a mental health professional (psychiatrist, registered psychologist, neuro-psychologist or other certified mental health professional).

To receive accommodations for Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), the current existence of ADHD must be clearly documented. **Documentation must include a letter on official letterhead, signed by a psychiatrist, medical doctor, psychologist or certified professional who specializes in the diagnosis of ADHD, stating a DSM-IV diagnosis of ADHD and providing supporting diagnostic evidence of this disability.** Diagnostic evidence may include a developmental history that defines symptom onset, specific computerized tests of attention such as the TOVA Gordon Diagnostic battery or the CPT (Conners' Continuous Performance Test).

3. **Specific Learning Disabilities:** includes perceptual handicaps, brain injury, minimal brain dysfunction, dyslexia, and developmental aphasia.

Documentation Required:

- a) An assessment report of **adult** (i.e. over 18 years old) cognitive or intellectual functioning **must** be included. The Wechsler Scales of Intelligence (WAIS-R or WAIS-III) and Stanford-Binet IV are preferred. The results from the valid and reliable norm-referenced Level C instruments should include individual subtest and factor scores as well as overall measures of cognitive ability reported in **standard scores not grade equivalents**.
- b) Tests of academic achievement (no older than 5 years old) that demonstrate significant discrepancies in the area of disability **must** be included. Achievement testing is required in the areas of written language (spelling and written expression), reading (decoding and comprehension), and mathematics (calculation and applied word problems). The Woodcock Johnson-Revised Achievement Battery (WJ-R) or Wechsler Individual Achievement Test (WIAT) are preferred. The results from the norm-referenced Level B assessments must be reported in **standard scores not grade equivalents**.

If requests for special accommodation based on ADHD coexist with a learning disability, the GED® candidate must provide documentation for both conditions.

DISABILITY FOR WHICH ACCOMMODATION IS REQUESTED

The section is to be completed by the certifying professional and should identify and describe the documented disability. For each disability identified, supporting documentation **must** be included.

Identify and Describe the Disability

- 1. **Medical Disabilities** (cerebral palsy, epilepsy, hearing impairment or blindness)

- 2. **Emotional or Psychological Disabilities** (schizophrenia, major depression, anxiety or stress-related disorders, attention deficit disorder, bipolar disorder, or Tourette Syndrome)

- 3. **Specific Learning Disabilities** (perceptual handicaps, brain injury, minimal brain dysfunction, dyslexia, and developmental aphasia)
 - Reading Disability (e.g., dyslexia)
 - Math Disability (e.g., dyscalculia)
 - Written Language Disability (e.g., dysgraphia)
 - Other (please specify) _____

REASONS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS REQUESTED

This section is to be completed by the certifying professional. For each accommodation requested, the diagnosing professional must include a rationale for the accommodation, why the accommodation is needed and how it is expected to aid the candidate when taking the GED® Tests.

Accommodation(s)

- Braille Edition Audiocassette Edition Large Print Edition
- Scribe Calculator Private Room
- Extra Time (specify **amount of time** required) _____
- Supervised Breaks _____ minutes every _____ minutes
(specify the number of breaks and the units of time on and off)

Other types of accommodations (to be reviewed by the Chief Examiner of British Columbia and/or Washington, DC):

Signature of Certifying Professional

Name of Certifying Professional (please print)

Title/Qualification of Certifying Professional

Address

City

Province

Postal Code

Telephone

GED® CHIEF EXAMINER FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA

Centre ID#5000600010

Accommodations Granted:

Approved

Chief Examiner

Date

Not Approved

GED TESTING SERVICE®, WASHINGTON, DC

Approved

Manager, GED® Testing Service

Date

Not Approved