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Dear GED or HSED Student:

The Wisconsin Legislature passed statutory language that adds a requirement to earn either a certificate of general education development (GED) or a high school equivalency diploma (HSED) in Wisconsin. 2015 Act 55 now requires that all GED and HSED students pass a 100 question civics test with a score of 60 or better. This new law is effective for any students who earn a GED or HSED issued after July 1, 2016.

Please arrange to take the test at the testing center where you completed the orientation, where you are taking the GED Tests, or where you are completing the other HSED requirements. You may see a version of the test and the study resources at this website:

<https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/teachers/educational-products>

I have prepared answers to frequently asked questions and they are included with this letter. If you have additional questions, please feel free to email me at beth.lewis@dpi.wi.gov or call me at 608/267-1062.

Sincerely,



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