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Dear GED or HSED Student:

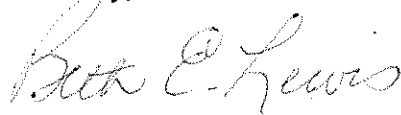
The Wisconsin Legislature passed statutory language that adds a requirement to earn either a certificate of general education development (GED) or a high school equivalency diploma (HSED) in Wisconsin. 2015 Act 55 now requires that all GED and HSED students pass a 100 question civics test with a score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

Every student in Wisconsin must complete an orientation with an official testing center that includes an assessment and an opportunity to select from our six options for high school completion. The civics test is scheduled by creating an account at www.ged.com. Once you have completed the orientation, the jurisdictional hold will be lifted by the test center and you will be able to schedule your civics test. You may see a version of the test and the study resources at this website: <https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/teachers/educational-products>

The cost of the test is \$10 and you may pay by credit card or by purchasing a \$10 voucher at <http://www.pearsonvue.com/vouchers/pricelist/ged.asp>; select Wisconsin and there is a voucher for \$10.

I have prepared answers to frequently asked questions, available on our website: <https://dpi.wi.gov/ged>. 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,



Beth Lewis
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