

## INFORMATION

If you are a Canadian adult and you need a high school diploma, one of the ways to obtain an equivalency diploma is to write and successfully pass all five tests on the GED (General Educational Development) exam. All five tests are written in one weekend (Friday evening and Saturday). The GED exam measures your ability to understand and reason rather than how well you recall facts. The emphasis in the GED exam is on comprehension, application, analysis, and evaluation of reading material and data.

To be eligible to write the GED exam, you must be 18 years or older, and have been out of school for at least 10 consecutive months.

Many employers will recognize a high school equivalency diploma as the same as a high school diploma. If your employer requires you to have a high school diploma, please discuss with them if the GED is an option for you.

For most post-secondary programs, the GED is not considered an appropriate prerequisite. If you want to further your education, please ensure you contact your institution or program of choice to discuss the necessary prerequisites. If the GED is not appropriate, you may wish to consider taking your prerequisite courses through the Academic Upgrading Department at Grande Prairie Regional College either at the Grande Prairie Campus or Fairview Campus.

Please contact the Academic Upgrading department to discuss what option would be best for you.

### Registration

Please register and pay for your testing fees a minimum of two weeks prior to your test date. Contact the Academic Upgrading department for registration information.

### Fees

Initial testing fee: \$200.00 (This fee will allow you to write all five tests.)  
Rewrites: \$60.00 / test (to a maximum of \$200.00)

**NOTE:** You may reschedule your writing time with one week's notice and your full fees either will be transferred to another testing time, up to one year from your original test date, or you may opt for a full refund. If you do not phone or email the Academic Upgrading department at least one week in advance to cancel your testing time, you will be charged a \$75.00 cancellation fee. If you do not write within one year of your originally scheduled test date, you will forfeit your full refund. The College reserves the right to cancel a testing date. If the College cancels, you will receive a full refund of your fees.

## Writing Dates

Grande Prairie Campus  
Room A209

<b>September</b>	<b>13 &amp; 14, 2019</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>18 &amp; 19, 2019</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>15 &amp; 16, 2019</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>13 &amp; 14, 2019</b>
<b>January</b>	<b>10 &amp; 11, 2020</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>7 &amp; 8, 2020</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>13 &amp; 14, 2020</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>17 &amp; 18, 2020</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>8 &amp; 9, 2020</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>12 &amp; 13, 2020</b>

### GED Testing Times

*Bring your photo identification to the exam.*

#### Friday Evening

Arrive at 6:00 p.m. - Writing Skills  
*Testing should be completed by 8:30 p.m.*

#### Saturday Morning

Arrive at 8:30 a.m.  
8:30 a.m. - Social Studies  
10:00 a.m. - Math  
  
*Lunch break from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.*  
  
1:00 p.m. - Science  
2:00 p.m. - Reading  
*Testing should be completed by 3:30 p.m.*

### There are several ways you can prepare to write the GED exam:

- study on your own
- access classes on-line through several post-secondary institutions
- get assistance from the staff at the Grande Prairie Council of Life Long Learning

There are numerous GED preparation books and learning resources that are useful as self-study guides. These can be purchased through local bookstores.

The Grande Prairie Regional College Bookstore sells the **Complete Canadian GED Preparation**, which is the book of choice.

## Contact Information

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