Iowa HiSET Exam

To take the HiSET exam in the state of Iowa, you must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Age: You must be at least 18 years of age to take the HiSET exam without meeting special circumstances. If you are 16-17 years old, you may take the HiSET exam, but with the following conditions:

- If you are 16 years old, you must meet one of the following exceptions to take the HiSET exam:

    o   a resident of an Iowa Juvenile Institution (State Training Schools at Eldora and Mitchellville)

    o   placed under the supervision of a Juvenile Probation Office

- If you are 17 years old, not a resident of an Iowa state training school or Iowa juvenile home, and not under the supervision of a probation office, you may still take the HiSET exam. However, please note that even if you meet these criteria, and you take and pass the HiSET exam, you will not be able to receive your state-issued high school equivalency diploma until you reach age 18 and your class from 9th grade has graduated. **If you are 17 years old, you also must complete an age waiver form signed by a parent/guardian and also signed by your local school showing you are not enrolled.** *If you are 18 years old, you must have an age waiver signed by your local school showing you are not enrolled.*

- **If you are turning 18 you can receive your HiSET diploma the year your 9th grade graduation class is set to graduate no matter what current grade you are in now.**

- Residency: You do not have to be a resident of Iowa to take the HiSET exam.

- Test Preparation or Instruction: Iowa requires all test takers to receive instruction in an adult education classroom before taking the HiSET exam. The amount of instruction varies by current skill levels.

- Practice Test: In Iowa, you must take the official HiSET half-length practice test before taking the official HiSET exam. *The official practice test verification form is required before you can test. You must take the official HiSET exam within 90 days of the Hiset practice test.*

What will I need on test day?

1. You must present identification on test day at the HiSET test center. A valid driver's license, passport, military ID, Job Corps ID, or other form of government-issued (national or foreign) identification that shows name, address, date of birth, signature and photograph are acceptable forms of identification. Outdated or expired identification will not be accepted.

2. You must have a copy of your official practice test verification form showing you have completed a passing score within the last 90 days.

3. Candidates 17 years old and under, an age waiver form signed by a parent/guardian and also signed by your local school showing you are not enrolled. If you are18 years old, you must have an age waiver signed by your local school showing you are not enrolled.

How much does it cost to take the HiSET exam in Iowa?

- In Iowa, the HiSET exam fee is $10.75 per test or a total of $53.75, which includes two retests per test during a 12-month period from the initial date of purchase. A "no call no show" for testing takes away one of the free attempts. *Ask your instructor how to take your tests for free with vouchers!*

How can I schedule/change a testing appointment?

- Once you have scored a passing score on an official practice test, you can schedule your testing appointment: You need to schedule 1 day prior if space is available You may cancel and reschedule a test appointment without forfeiting your fee if your cancellation notice is received 24 hours before the scheduled test date. and we require 2 business days to reschedule your exam without penalty.

- Schedule online through your My HiSET account https://test-takers.psiexams.com/hisetiowa

- Call PSI customer service at 1-855-MyHiSET or 1-855-694-4738

- To schedule a retest, you must complete at least 12 hours of instruction and pass a 2nd Official Practice Test. All retesting must be scheduled by your instructor through the Testing Center.

What are the reschedule policies?

- You may cancel and reschedule a test appointment without forfeiting your fee if your cancellation notice is received 24 hours before the scheduled test date. For example, for a Monday appointment at 1:00 PM, the cancellation notice would need to be received on Sunday by 12:59 PM. To cancel or reschedule you must call PSI at (855) 694-4738 or log in to your My HiSET account.

How do I know if I've passed the HiSET battery of five subtests?

- Each of the five subtests in the HiSET battery is scored on a scale of 1–20. In order to pass you must do all three of the following:

- Achieve a score of at least 8 on each of the five individual subtests

- Score at least 2 out of 6 on the essay portion of the writing test

- Have a total combined score on all five subtests of at least 45 (average a 9 or better)

- *You cannot take Math or Writing testing last.*

- You may take each official HiSET exam up to 3 times within the same calendar year. If you fail the same test 3 times you must wait until the start of the next calendar year to test again.

How do you get a copy of your diploma?

- Official copies of Diplomas and Transcripts may be obtained from Diploma Sender. Visit Diploma Sender online, www.diplomasender.com;

- Complete the online order form as there is no fee for the 1st copy. If you are requesting a replacement copy, then there will be charged $15.00. If you are under age 18 you are not eligible to receive a diploma yet but you can request your transcript be sent to an employer or to a college

- Check the appropriate delivery method for receipt of your document, email, FedEx, or regular mail.

- Test scores shall remain valid for a period of five years from the date of the first test. If the applicant has not received the Iowa high school equivalency diploma by then, the applicant must retake the expired test(s).