

# Iowa Hiset Eligibility Requirements

**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:

- a resident of an Iowa Juvenile Institution (State Training Schools at Eldora and Mitchellville)
- 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 9<sup>th</sup> grade has graduated. **If you are under 18 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 under 19 years old, you must have an age waiver signed by your local school showing you are not enrolled.**

**So 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. Again, you would need to have age waiver form completed.**

- **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 testing center.
- **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.**
- **Identification:** You must present identification on test day at the HiSET test center. A valid driver's license, passport, military 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 Outdated or expired identification will not be accepted. Official practice test verification is also necessary on test day. Also, for candidates 18 years old and under, a drop form or proof of non-enrollment is necessary.

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

**Battery (all five subtests):**

In Iowa, the HiSET exam fee for the battery (all five subtests) is \$53.75, which includes two retests per test during a 12-month period from the initial date of purchase.

**Individual Subtest:**

If you only need to take an individual subtest, the cost is \$10.75 for each test. Each individual test purchased includes up to two retest attempts if taken within 12 months of the date of purchase. A "no call no show" for testing takes away one of the free attempts.

## How can I schedule/change a testing appointment?

Once you are ready to take the test, you can schedule your testing appointment:

- online through your HiSET account [www.hiset.org](http://www.hiset.org)
- by calling ETS Customer Service \*There is a one-time \$10.00 fee for phone appointments

To reschedule your appointment, you may call an ETS representative 1-855-MyHiSET (1-855-694-4738) or contact your test center.

## What are the reschedule policies?

- To avoid forfeiting your test fee, you must reschedule your appointment any time up until 11:59 p.m. local time the day before your scheduled appointment.
- You have 12 months from the day you schedule your appointment to reschedule. For example, if you schedule in November 2015 for a test date at any time in the future, your reschedule date must be before November 2016.

## 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.

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1. 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 their transcript be sent to an employer or to a college
2. Check the appropriate delivery method for receipt of your document, email, FedEx, or regular mail.
3. **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).**