

Medical – Physical/Chronic Health Disabilities

Definition:

A medical disability is a documented condition such as cerebral palsy, epilepsy, or blindness that severely limits the candidate's ability to perform the essential skills required to take the GED Tests.

Documentation:

Verification of a medical disability and needed reasonable accommodations can be made using *Request for Testing Accommodations - Physical/Chronic Health Disability* (Form 63909). The GED candidate can consult with a medical doctor or other appropriate professional or can use existing medical records to support the claim.

Process:

Permission from the Florida GED Administrator is required for requested accommodations to standard testing on the basis of physical disabilities. Approval from the GED Testing Service is not required for requests that conform to the guidelines.

Adaptations and Accommodations for GED Test Takers with Physical/Chronic Health Disabilities:

Candidates Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

- A signed, captioned videotape of test instructions
- Candidate may read all printed instructions and information that would normally be read by the examiner
- A qualified, professional interpreter with language preference of the examinee may be provided, if requested
- Double time for examinees for whom Standard Written English is a second language
- A video camera, videocassette recorder and monitor to use in composing the essay. This provides the candidate with a way to compose his/her essay. The candidate then reviews the tape and writes the final draft of the essay on paper.

Candidates Who are Blind or Visually Impaired

- A special edition of the test may be used, either:
 - Audiocassette
 - Braille
 - Large Print
- A scribe may read the essay topic aloud.
- An abacus, talking calculator, stylus or slate or a braille may be used as "scratch paper."

- An Opticon, a magnifying glass or electronic aid to meet needs of the candidate, may be used.
- A Braille writing device or computer-controlled braille may be used to record answers.
- A scribe may record answers to multiple-choice questions and the essay.
- Another adaptive device may be used if it is appropriate to meet the needs of the candidate.

Candidates with Physical Disabilities

- The test may be transported to the candidate if the candidate is unable to reach the test site.
- The examiner may mark the answer sheet or write the essay using appropriate strategies.
- The examiner may write numbers or symbols necessary to solve problems as long as they are written as directed by the candidate.