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TO: All NYSED Funded Adult Education Programs
FROM: Marisa Boomhower, Director of Adult Education Program and Policy Unit
SUBJECT: Updated Information Regarding the GED Ready Practice Test

This memo serves as an update to the transition to the GED memo issued February 7, 2022. This memo is intended to provide guidance to all AEPP funded program as we transition to the GED test leading to a New York State High School Equivalency Diploma; this includes all funded programs WIOA Areas 1, 2, 3, and 4, WEP, EPE, and ALE funding. Please note this memo provides new direction regarding the use of the GED Ready test, all other procedures for transitioning from the TASC to the GED are communicated through the High School Equivalency Department of NYSED. The best and most current source of information can be found on their communication website: <http://www.acces.nysed.gov/hse/high-school-equivalency-hse>

We are aware that our AEPP funded programs are working hard to adapt to new procedures for the implementation of the GED leading to the NYS High School Equivalency Diploma After careful consideration of the work being done in our HSE preparation programs, the decision has been made to permit the GED Ready Practice Test to be an optional choice based on the preparation program's assessment of each student's needs. Programs may choose to use the GED Ready Practice Test as an assessment for readiness for their students however, the test is not a prerequisite to a referral to the GED HSE test for an AEPP funded program, effective immediately. The purchase of the GED Ready Tests, should a program choose to use this assessment, may be included in AEPP funded budgets for review and approval.

All AEPP funded programs may also continue to use any TASC Readiness Tests they have in their inventory. The TASC Readiness test is also not a prerequisite to a referral to the GED Test. DRC has notified NYSED that they will be supporting NYSED's policy to allow the use of TASC Readiness through June 30, 2022. DRC has stated that they will reactivate all programs that previously had TASC Readiness Online accounts prior to the end of the TASC contract. This reactivation will be completed by end of day on February 21, 2022.

Programs choosing to use TASC Readiness Tests should note that as of July 1, 2022 , the TASC Readiness Online system will be disabled and all accounts related to TASC will be closed. All remaining balances of test administration licenses will expire with the deactivation of the system.

AEPP does not require programs to utilize specific HSE preparation materials. Programs may choose those materials they believe are best suited for their students. We encourage all preparation programs to continue using the comprehensive resources supported by AEPP and developed through a joint project with CUNY. These resources are provided at no cost to any AEPP funded program and can be found on the www.CollectEdNY.org website. All the materials found on this website are downloadable. Programs are assured the materials continue to support all HSE competency levels needed to prepare students for the HSE test.

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