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Residency Documentation for High School Equivalency Testing

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Pursuant to the Illinois School Code ([105 ILCS 5/3-15.12](#)), high school equivalency candidates must be a current Illinois resident in order to take a high school equivalency exam (GED® or HiSET®) in the State of Illinois.

Test takers are required to provide a form of current (non-expired) government-issued photo identification on their test day to verify their identity. The government-issued photo identification must include the candidate's full name, date of birth, signature, and photograph. **If the government-issued photo identification provided by the test taker does not indicate an Illinois address, the candidate must also provide proof of residency documentation.**

The following documents are acceptable as additional documentation to prove Illinois residency if they are 1) in your name, 2) include your current Illinois address, and 3) are dated at least 30 days prior to the test date:

- Wage and tax statements (IRS Form W2)
- Illinois Auto Registration Card
- Bank Statement
- Canceled Check
- Deed/Title, Mortgage, Rental/Lease Agreement
- Insurance Policy (homeowner's or renter's)
- Official Mail received from a State, County, City or Federal Government agency such as:
 - Homestead Exemption Receipt
 - Jury Duty Notice
 - Selective Service Card
 - Social Security Annual Statement
 - Social Security Disability Insurance Statement
 - Voter Registration Card
- Pay Stub or Electronic Deposit Receipt
- Pension or Retirement Statement
- Utility Bill (electric, water, refuse, telephone land/cell, cable or gas)
- Statement of Benefits from the Illinois Department of Employment Security or the Social Security Administration
- Illinois Property Tax Bill
- Illinois Temporary Visitor Driver's License (TVDL)

Questions regarding this requirement may be directed to the Illinois Community College Board by email (hse@illinois.gov) or phone (217-558-5668).