

CTB/McGraw Hill Launches the TASC™, New High School Equivalency Assessment

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CTB/McGraw-Hill, the nation's leading provider of assessments for the adult education market, formally introduced the [Test Assessing Secondary Completion™ \(TASC™\)](#), a Common Core-aligned high school equivalency assessment targeted to the more than 40 million adults in the U.S. without a high school diploma or equivalency.

"CTB's launch of the TASC™ addresses the interest of many states in a new, affordable high school equivalency assessment that is widely accessible to adult learners and provides options for how the exam is administered," CTB/McGraw-Hill said in a media release. "The TASC™, which will be available as a paper-and-pencil exam as well as online, will provide flexibility for test takers and allow states to phase in computer-based testing at a pace that meets their students' needs."

The TASC™ measures examinees' level of achievement relative to that of graduating high school seniors and readiness for college and the workforce as outlined by the Common Core State Standards. The TASC™, which will be Common Core-aligned beginning with its official release in January 2014, will feature a design that allows states to gradually transition from the foundational concepts of the Common Core State Standards to a deeper alignment over a three year period.

New York has already adopted the TASC™ as the state's official high school equivalency assessment and will be made available to New York's adult learners beginning January 2014. Other states, including California, are considering an alternative to the traditional GED®.

"Providing a high school equivalency exam that is accessible and affordable is critical not only to adult learners but to our national economy and future global competitiveness," said Ellen Haley, president of CTB/McGraw-Hill. "CTB/McGraw-Hill has a long track record of experience in measuring the educational achievements of adult learners and serving the professionals dedicated to adult education. We look forward to working with states across the country to deliver the TASC™, our new high school equivalency exam, and to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to earn an alternative high school diploma."

Find more information on the TASC™ at CTB.com/TASC.

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