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Division of Adult and Occupational Education

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SUBJECT: RETESTING ON THE GED TESTS

- I. Policy of the American Council on Education
- II. Policy of The State Department of Education
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This revision supersedes the bulletin of the same number issued on July 1, 1981. The content has been updated to reflect changes in Division organization, policy, or procedure.

I. POLICY OF THE AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION

The G.E.D. Testing Service of the American Council on Education recommends that retesting be done only after six months have elapsed since the first testing or after completion of intensive instruction or independent study.

II. POLICY OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The Adult Education Field Services, State Department of Education, permits retesting after six months or upon completion of courses of instruction designed to eliminate deficiencies.

III. RATIONALE FOR POLICIES

Past records indicate that very little change in test scores occurs if there is no remediation and if retesting is conducted too soon after original testing. The above policies are designed to lessen the failure rate on retests and to spare the examinee the trauma of yet another failure.

III. G.E.D. TEST CENTER POLICIES

Based on the above, and because of an increasing number of requests for retesting on the G.E.D. Tests, the following policy has been established:

- A. The G.E.D. Test Center will adhere to the six-month rule and, generally, will not make the exception to this rule.
- B. In rare instances, the six-month rule may be waived providing that:
 - 1. There is a very strong evidence of successful remediation, attested to in writing by the instructor involved.
 - 2. The previous recommendations by the instructor involved lend credence to the certification of remediation.
 - 3. The original scores are quite close to passing, thereby giving the examinee an attainable goal.
 - 4. The candidate is willing, in those instances of questionable validation of remediation, to take a screening or readiness test.
- C. The decision of G.E.D. Test counselor may be reviewed by the Supervisor, Adult Counseling and Guidance who, acting as Chief Examiner, will make the final determination in disputed cases.

For assistance, please telephone Tom Trotter, Supervisor, Adult Counseling and Guidance, at (213) 625-6662.

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