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TO: New Jersey Institutes of Higher Education
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ROUTE TO: Human Resources Directors and Staff

FROM: Robert R. Higgins, Ph.D., Director
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SUBJECT: **State-Issued High School Diploma**

As announced in a [December 2013 press release](#), the state of New Jersey has approved new high school equivalency assessments leading to the State-Issued High School Diploma. Students may now earn this diploma by passing one of the following tests: the GED® by GED Testing Service®, the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC™) by CTB McGraw-Hill, or the High School Equivalency Test (HiSET®) by Educational Testing Service (ETS).

As part of this change, the State Board of Education approved the elimination of the phrase “*General Educational Development or GED*” from its Administrative Code, and replaced it with *High School Equivalency Test*. Therefore, **any institution or place of employment requiring a State-Issued High School Diploma should accept passage of any of the approved equivalency tests.**

Additional details about adult education in New Jersey – including approved testing sites and test fee information – can be found online at <http://www.state.nj.us/education/students/adulted>.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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