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### Thirty College Credit Application For a State-Issued High School Diploma

**Instructions:** The New Jersey Department of Education requires the following information to apply for a State-Issued High School Diploma through the Thirty College Credit Route Program at no charge. Only New Jersey residents over the age of 16 may apply. Please submit application and all related documents to: Mr. Larry Breeden, New Jersey Department of Education GED Testing, PO Box 500, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0500, Phone Number: 609-777-1050, Fax Number: 609-984-0573, Email Address: [ged\\_info@doe.state.nj.us](mailto:ged_info@doe.state.nj.us).

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY		
First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
Current Address		
Date of Birth	Social Security Number	
Phone Number	Alternate Phone Number	
Email Address		
SIGNATURE		
<p>In order to apply for New Jersey State-Issued High School Diploma I must be a New Jersey resident over 16 years of age and submit this application with one of the following completed assessment tests: NJ High School Proficiency Test, <i>Accuplacer</i>, <i>ACT</i> or <i>SAT</i>. If no assessment test was completed, a letter from the college (on college letterhead signed by a college official) must be submitted. The application and assessment test results/official letter can be mailed, faxed or emailed (see Instructions above for contact information).</p>		
<p><b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> All official college transcript(s) must be mailed directly from the college/university to the Department of Education's mailing address listed above. <u>Official college transcripts or copies will not be accepted from the applicant.</u></p>		
<p>If you are 16 or 17 years old please submit a <i>Certificate of Consent</i> form that verifies your age and withdrawal from school with a parent/guardian signature. To download form, visit <a href="http://www.state.nj.us/education/ged">www.state.nj.us/education/ged</a>.</p>		
<p>Please review page 2 of this application to see the specific 30 college credit course requirements needed to apply for the State-Issued High School Diploma.</p>		
Signature: _____		Date _____

**New Jersey State Department of Education**  
**New Jersey Administrative Code 6:30**  
**Adopted August 3, 1984**  
**Certification for a State-Issued High School Diploma**  
**Through the Thirty-College Credit Route Program**

**6:30-1.3 Certification for a State-Issued High School Diploma**

2. Persons may apply and qualify for a state-issued high school diploma by passing the High School Proficiency Test and presenting official transcripts showing at least 30 general education credits leading to a degree at an accredited institution of higher education. Included in the 30 general education credits must be a minimum of 15 credits with at least three credits in each of the five general education categories as follows: communication; mathematics; science; social science; and the humanities. For the purpose of this section the five general education categories shall be defined as follows:

- i. **Communications:** courses designed to enhance facility in the English language.
  - ii. **Mathematics:** courses designed to enhance mathematical conceptual understanding and application including computer programming.
  - iii. **Science:** courses designed to enhance scientific conceptual understanding and application.
  - iv. **Social Sciences:** courses designed to promote social awareness, including understanding social, economic and political problems and the responsibilities of citizenship in an interdependent world; and
  - v. **Arts & Humanities:** courses in art, music, dance, literature, philosophy, foreign language, history, aesthetic, or other studies to promote the understanding and transmission of values to one's own and other cultures.
3. Persons seeking to qualify for a state-issued high school diploma as outlined in this section shall be at least 16 years of age and out of school. Exceptions to the age requirement may be made by the Commissioner upon recommendation of the Assistant Commissioner, for persons under 16 years of age who have otherwise met all State high school graduation requirements. Such determination will be made on a case by case considering extraordinary academic or personal achievement.