



**National Needs Alter Plans for GED Test, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition**

***2002 Series GED Test to Continue***

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Over the past several months the movement towards more rigorous national standards for high school education has gained momentum. This changing national conversation on what it means to be a high school graduate and what is needed to be college and career ready has a direct impact on the GED Test. We must introduce changes and improvements to the GED Test that are aligned with this new direction. As a result, we will not introduce a GED Test, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, on January 1, 2012. Because of the changing national landscape we have decided to transition directly from the current 2002 Test Series to a new, more comprehensive assessment program. This new program, GED 20/20, will dramatically increase the number of test-takers and GED credential recipients who are prepared to pursue postsecondary education opportunities. Elements of the new program will be introduced as early as 2010.

We are preparing a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document for distribution next week. The FAQ document will be updated regularly as additional guidance becomes available.