


# The GED

## What Is It & How Can It Help Your Child?

The GED (General Educational Development) is an American High School Equivalency Certificate, recognised in over 85 countries. In South Africa, SAQA evaluates the GED as comparable to the National Senior Certificate (NQF Level 4). It is a foreign Grade 12 equivalent — not the same as a South African matric, but a recognised qualification that opens doors both locally and overseas.

 **Prerequisite:** Students must complete the MobyMax curriculum before starting GED preparation. MobyMax builds the foundational Maths, Language, and Science knowledge needed to pass the GED exams. The 6–12 month completion timeframe assumes MobyMax has been completed first.

## What's Involved?

### 4 Subject Exams

Students prepare for and sit 4 official GED exams at a Pearson VUE Testing Centre. Pass all 4 and you earn your credential.

### GED Academy Platform

Students study through GED Academy — an online platform with practice tests, lessons, and progress tracking across all 4 subjects.

### Study at Your Own Pace

There are no fixed deadlines. Students can sit each exam when they're ready, and can resit a subject if needed.

### Weekly Progress Reports

Parents receive weekly reports showing study time and progress across each subject, so you always know how your child is doing.

## 4 Core Subjects

Maths Reasoning

Science

Social Studies

Reasoning Through Language Arts

## Two Ways to Study

### 100% Online

- ✓ Study from anywhere in SA
- ✓ Flexible hours at your own pace
- ✓ All you need is internet access

### At an Authorised School

- ✓ Structured daily timetable
- ✓ On-site teacher support
- ✓ Study alongside other students

### Important: What the GED Does & Doesn't Do

- ✓ Recognised as a foreign Grade 12 equivalent by SAQA (NQF Level 4)
- ✓ Accepted at many private colleges and institutions in South Africa
- ✓ Accepted widely at overseas universities, depending on the course
- ✓ Opens doors to Higher Certificates (NQF 5), which can then lead to university degree entry
- ✗ Does NOT qualify for Matric Exemption from USAf — so it does not give direct entry to SA public universities for degree studies
- ✗ Additional study (e.g. a Higher Certificate) is required before applying for a degree at a SA university

### School Leavers & Adults

Didn't finish matric? The GED provides a recognised qualification without going back to school. Ages 17+ with no prerequisite grades.

### Homeschool Students

A clear exit qualification for homeschoolers finishing their school career. Realistic completion time is 6–12 months.

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Subjects to Pass

17+

Minimum Age

85+

Countries Accept It