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SUBJECT: Upcoming Changes to GED Test

A new version of the GED test will be used beginning in 2014. December 19, 2013 is the last day that Idaho will administer the current version of the GED test. Test takers who have not completed all five tests by this date will be required to restart the GED testing process with the new test series in 2014.

The new GED series will be comprised of four computer based tests offered only in testing centers approved by Pearson VUE, the company contracting with Adult Basic Education to offer the GED. Paper-pencil tests will no longer be offered. Although some testing centers are currently offering computer based testing for the current GED series, both paper-pencil and computer based testing options will be available through December 19, 2013. The cost for paper-pencil GED test battery is \$100.00 or \$20.00 per test and re-test. The cost for computer based test battery is \$120.00 or \$24.00 per test and re-test. Please note that test takers may not switch between paper-pencil testing and computer based testing.

Payment for computer based GED testing requires either a credit card or a promotional code. To help introduce WIA participants to computer based testing, ABE has provided the Idaho Department of Labor with a series of promotional codes. To obtain promotional codes for participants interested in computer based GED testing, case managers should contact Ben Phillips at 332-3570 ext 3398 or ben.phillips@labor.idaho.gov.

It is important to note that in the case of computer based testing, no refunds will be given for no-shows or for testers who cancel or reschedule with less than 24 hours notice.

Please note the December 19 deadline and transition to computer based testing in 2014 does not apply to the Spanish version of the GED at this time.

Questions may be directed to any member of the grants management team.