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**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION ANNOUNCE  
CURRENT VERSION OF GED® TEST TO EXPIRE AT END OF 2013**

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*GED® testing centers in Maryland encourage adults to finish and pass before test deadlines.*

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**BALTIMORE**—(January 4, 2013) – The Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (DLLR) Secretary Leonard J. Howie III and DLLR's Deputy Assistant Secretary for Workforce Development and Adult Learning (DWDAL) Ellen Flowers-Fields today announced that the **current version of the GED® test will expire at the end of 2013**. The current version, known as the 2002 Series GED® test, will be replaced with the new 2014 GED® test on January 2, 2014.

Those who have taken the 2002 Series GED® test, but not passed all five parts, have until the end of 2013 to pass or they will need to start over again in 2014 with the new GED® test in order to receive their high school credential.

“The GED® test opens doors to college, better jobs, the respect adults deserve, and the satisfaction of earning a high school credential,” said DLLR Secretary Howie. “So we want to be sure that everyone is aware of this deadline. GED® test-takers must act now to finish and pass before the current test expires.”

Deputy Assistant Secretary Flowers-Fields explains, “Support is available to Marylanders. We can help adult learners get prepared to take the parts of the GED® test they still need to pass. We want you to succeed!”

Interested GED® test-takers can find more information at [finishtheGEDtest.com](http://finishtheGEDtest.com).

A few important tips you should know about testing in Maryland before the end of 2013:

- Registration deadline for repeat GED® test-takers is October 31, 2013.
- Registration deadline for new GED® test-takers is September 16, 2013.

“To anyone who has already started the GED® test, your future is calling. By passing the GED® test, you can answer that call,” sums up Randy Trask, president and CEO of GED® Testing Service. “You owe it to yourself. Don't miss the chance to turn one small step into your next big opportunity in life.”

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