

CHSPE VS. GED

GED (sometimes called the California High School Equivalency Certificate)

To take the GED® test in California, you must be a California resident or a member of the armed forces assigned to this state and meet any one of the following criteria:

- You must be 18 years of age or older or within 60 days of your 18th birthday (regardless of school enrollment status).
- If you are within 60 days of when you would have graduated from high school had you remained in school and followed the usual course of study. (Candidates testing under this criteria may not be enrolled in school.)
- You are 17 years of age, have been out of school for at least 60 consecutive days, and provide a letter of request for the test from the military, a postsecondary educational institution, or a prospective employer.

Important note: If you pass the GED® test at age 17 you will not receive the equivalency certificate until your 18th birthday; a letter of intent is issued and states that the certificate is being held pending the examinee's 18th birthday.

http://www.gedtestingservice.com/testers/policy_ca

California Labor Code - Title 8 says:

DEFINITION OF A MINOR [Section 11750]

A minor, in accordance with the California Labor Code [Section 1286 (c)], is any person under the age of 18 years who is subject to California's compulsory education law. Minors who have a high school education or its equivalent are exempt from the regulations. The only minors exempt from work permit requirements are those with a high school education or its equivalent.

CHSPE (the California High School Proficiency Exam)

This is the test that you must take in order to graduate from high school and be considered "Legal 18" in the entertainment industry. The California High School Proficiency Examination (CHSPE) is a voluntary test that assesses proficiency in basic reading, writing, and mathematics skills taught in public schools. Eligible persons who pass the CHSPE are awarded a Certificate of Proficiency by the California State Board of Education.

<https://www.chspe.net>