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**Online Guide Transmittal 2023-74
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To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff
From:  Sarah Stuart, Associate Commissioner for Change Management
Re: Cross Programs: High School Equivalency Testing and Vouchers

Overview

Effective February 2023, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) began covering the cost of high school equivalency tests, commonly known as GED or HiSET, for eligible residents of Massachusetts. DTA will no longer provide voucher codes to current and former TAFDC recipients to cover the cost of high school equivalency testing as the costs will be covered by DESE.

Since this change became effective, DTA has been working closely with DESE to ensure a seamless transition from the use of DTA test vouchers to the statewide access codes through DESE. This guidance provides confirmation that the Department will no longer issue High School Equivalency (HSE) voucher codes to TAFDC or former TAFDC recipients for HiSET or GED exams, with some limited exceptions. Future emails regarding any HSE payment issues, including the need for a current or former TAFDC recipient to test beyond the allowable retakes under the DESE code, must now be sent to DTA.EmploymentServices@massmail.state.ma.us.

Purpose

This Online Guide Transmittal advises staff about a new Online Guide page that:

- provides an overview of High School Equivalency Testing options for Massachusetts residents,
 - introduces the webpage link to the DESE website, including the new GED and HiSET Voucher codes, test options, and how to register
 - informs staff about the formal sunsetting of the internal HiSET mailbox, DTA-DL-HiSet@MassMail.State.MA.US.
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New Online Guide Page

Topic: Pathways to Work
Book: Support Services
Chapter: High School Equivalency Testing
Page: High School Equivalency Testing

Sunsetting of Mailbox

DTA-DL-HiSET@MassMail.State.MA.US

Obsolete Online Guide Transmittal

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Questions

If you have any policy or procedural questions, after conferring with the appropriate TAO personnel, please have your Systems Information Specialists or TAO management email them to [DTA.Procedural Issues](#).

Systems issues should be directed to the Systems Support Help Desk.
