

Canadian Adult Education Credential in Alberta

Information about the new credential for adult learners in Alberta

About the Canadian Adult Education Credential

Alberta Education is leading the development of the Canadian Adult Education Credential (CAEC). In Alberta, this new credential will replace the General Educational Development, or GED®, which will no longer be available in Canada after May 3, 2024.

The CAEC will provide a high-quality, made-in-Canada education credential that meets industry standards as a replacement for the GED®. Employers, post-secondary institutions and others in Alberta will be able to count on the CAEC as a reliable indicator of adults' level of educational achievement.

Who is the CAEC for?

In Alberta, like the GED®, the CAEC is for adults who do not have a high school diploma but need an education credential to open new doors to educational or employment opportunities.

Albertans may take the CAEC for various reasons, including:

- to meet the educational requirements for current and future employment opportunities; or
- to qualify for post-secondary education programs such as apprenticeships, college or other workplace training programs.

What will the CAEC cover?

Developed with input from a provincial-territorial working group, employers and post-secondary institutions, the CAEC will be tailored to the needs of adults and will reflect diverse cultures and perspectives. Delivered on an easy-to-use online platform, tests will be available in English and French in the following subject areas:

Subjects

English Reading or Français Lecture

English Writing or Français Écriture

Mathematics

Social Studies

Science

Will the GED® still be recognized in Alberta after the CAEC is introduced?

Yes, the 2002 tests for the GED® credential will still be accepted or recognized in Alberta after the CAEC is introduced.

Albertans who have started their GED® are encouraged to complete the full test series before May 3, 2024; however, those who have passed some GED® tests will be able to have those tests count toward their CAEC for three years up to May 2027.



When and where will the CAEC be available?

The CAEC will be available in testing centres across Alberta starting in spring 2024. A dedicated website with more detailed information about the tests, test preparation and how to register will launch in early 2024.

Questions?

General questions about the CAEC in Alberta can be sent to EDC.CAEC@gov.ab.ca.

Visit the Alberta government's [website](#) for the latest CAEC news and updates.