

(b) The State Board of Education shall provide for examinations for such persons on at least two occasions in each year at places throughout the State reasonably convenient for the applicants. In the case of any such member of the armed forces who applies to the State Board of Education, examinations shall be furnished by it to the Commanding Officer of the applicant, and shall be given by the appropriate Service officer, under such regulations and conditions as may be prescribed by the State Board of Education. On each occasion, examinations shall be offered in the usual high school subjects. The term "high school subjects" may be construed to mean either separate examinations in the various subjects or some type of comprehensive examinations, as determined by the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education may, in its discretion, charge an examination fee not to exceed Two Dollars for each subject taken by an applicant, or equivalent fees for examinations of a comprehensive type, and said fees shall be used by the State Department of Education for expenses incurred in administering this Act. Failure of any examination in any subject shall not prevent the taking of subsequent examinations in the same subject.

(c) Upon passing an examination in any subject, the applicant shall receive the same credit or credits granted for the subject in the regular high school course. When such applicant has obtained either by examinations as provided for in this section, or by a combination of examinations and attendance at an approved high school (or approved institution of higher learning) the credits required for graduation from an approved State high school, the State Board of Education shall issue to the applicant a certificate which shall be the legal equivalent of a high school diploma and which in addition shall be accepted as meeting the State requirements of a high school education for admission to the study of the various professions and vocations.

(d) The State Board of Education is empowered to adopt rules and regulations to carry out the purposes of this section.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and being passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 2, 1943.