

(3) Is 16 years old or older; and

(4) Has withdrawn from a regular full-time public or private school program for at least 3 months, except that the State Board may waive the 3-month withdrawal requirement if the State Board considers the waiver justified.

(b) The State Board shall examine individuals for a high school diploma at least twice each year at places throughout this State that are reasonably convenient for the applicants.

(c) The examination shall:

(1) Be offered in appropriate high school subject areas; and

(2) Be of a comprehensive nature as determined by the State Board.

(d) An individual who fails an examination may take retests.

(e) A member of the armed forces may earn the Maryland high school diploma by taking the examinations furnished by the United States Armed Forces Institute and given by the appropriate service officer.

(f) The diploma shall be awarded in accordance with the rules and regulations adopted by the State Board.]

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In this subtitle, "federal acts" means:

(1) The Smith-Hughes Act;

(2) The George-Barden Act;

(3) The ~~Vocational Education Act of 1963~~ CARL D. PERKINS VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ACT;

(4) **THE ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY ACT;**

(5) **THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT;**

[(4)] (6) Any other career and technology education act of the United States Congress; and

[(5)] (7) Any amendments to any of these acts.