



# Accommodations in Corrections

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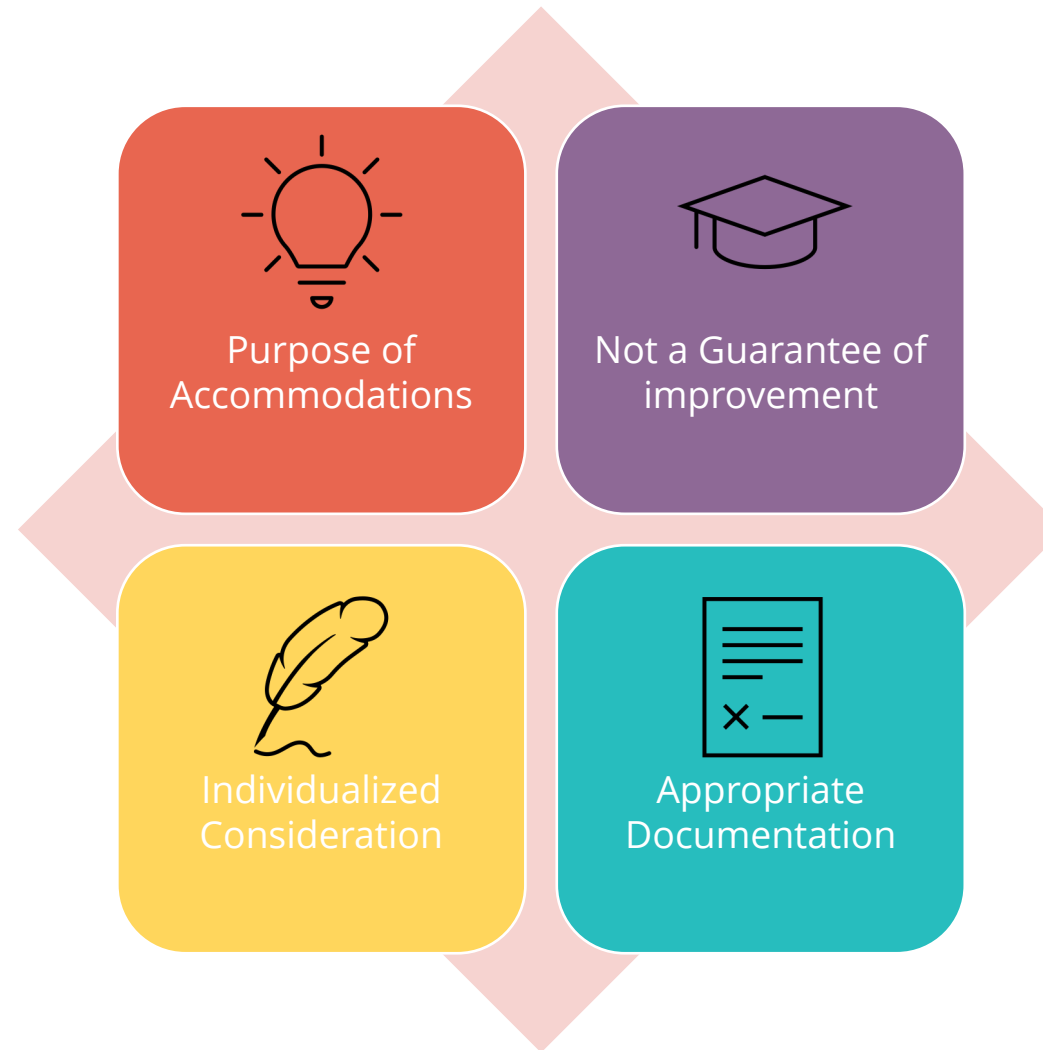


# Agenda

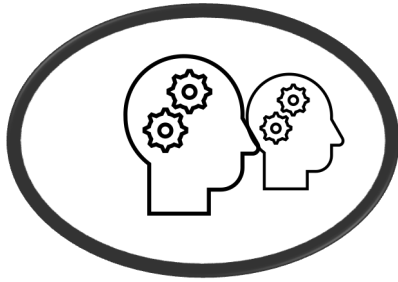
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- Disability categories
- Accommodation process
- Documentation requirements
- Best way to assist
- Questions



# Accommodations Overview

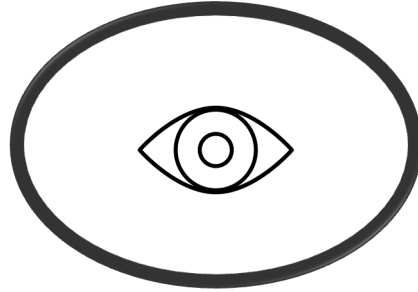


# Categories of Disabilities



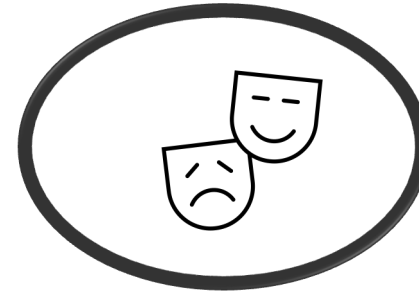
## **Learning and Other Cognitive Disabilities**

**Documentation within the  
last 5 years**



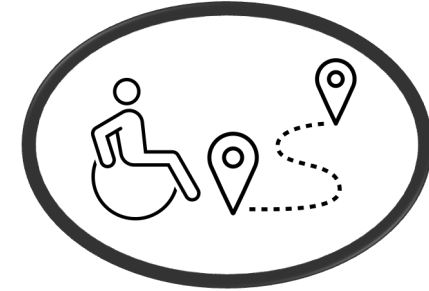
## **Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder**

**Documentation within the  
last 5 years**



## **Psychological and Psychiatric Disorders**

**Documentation within the  
last 1 year**

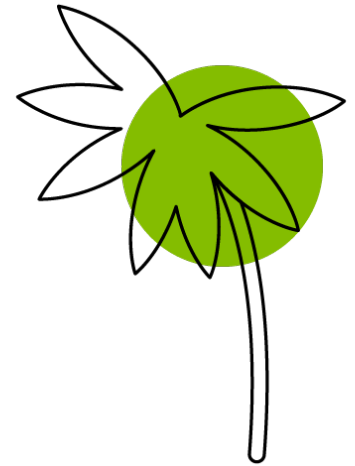


## **Physical Disorders and Chronic Health Conditions**

**Documentation within the  
last 1 year**

# Important Update

Effective August 1, 2023, accommodation approvals are valid for 2 years.  
(some exceptions apply)



# Steps to apply for accommodations

- GED.com account fully set up – respond yes to accommodation question
- Update the inmate's address in GED Mgr and make sure the name is spelled correctly
- Visit [https://ged.com/educators\\_admins/test\\_admin/corrections/](https://ged.com/educators_admins/test_admin/corrections/) for the necessary forms
- Include a permitted contact and indicate FBOP/DOC on the first page
- Email completed requests to [BOP-RSD-EDACCOMMODATIONS-S@bop.gov](mailto:BOP-RSD-EDACCOMMODATIONS-S@bop.gov) or accommodations@GED.com
- Do not schedule until a determination is made
- Requests can take up to 30 calendar days to process. Exceptions apply.



# What is NOT considered a disability?

ESL (English as Second Language)

“Slow Learner”

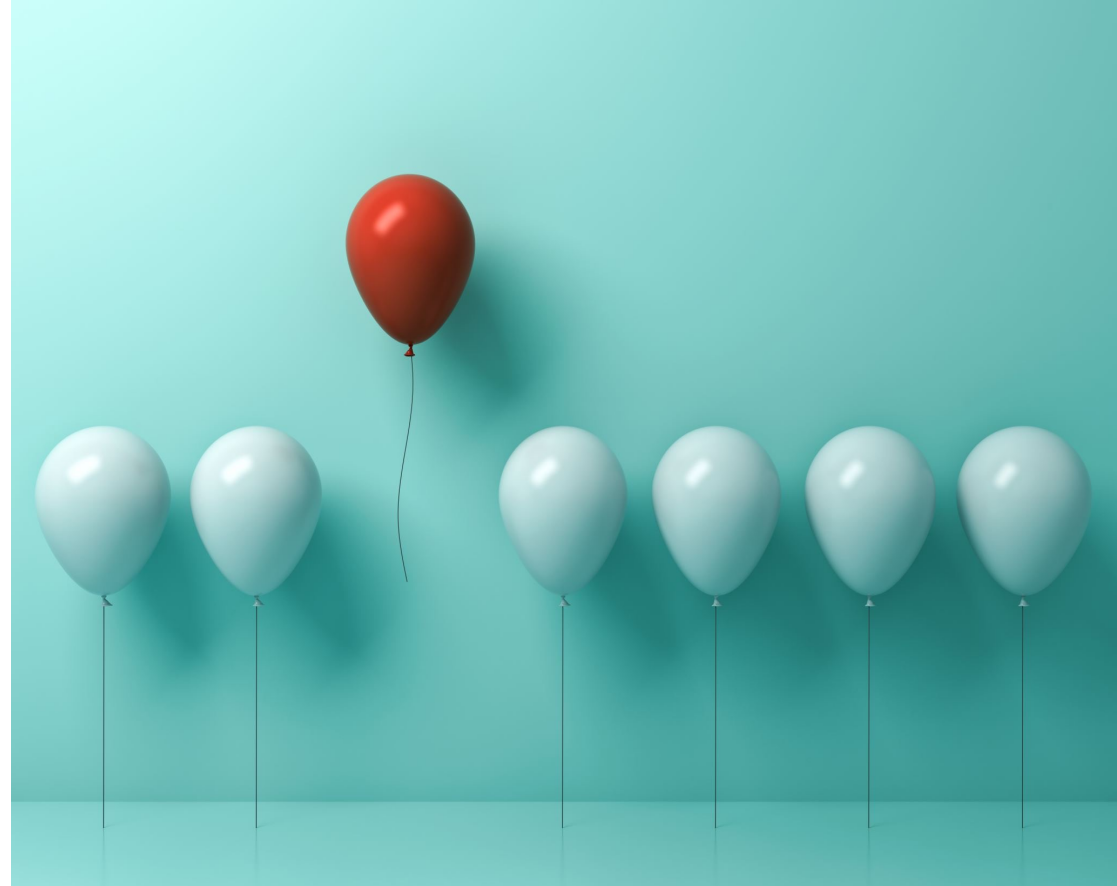
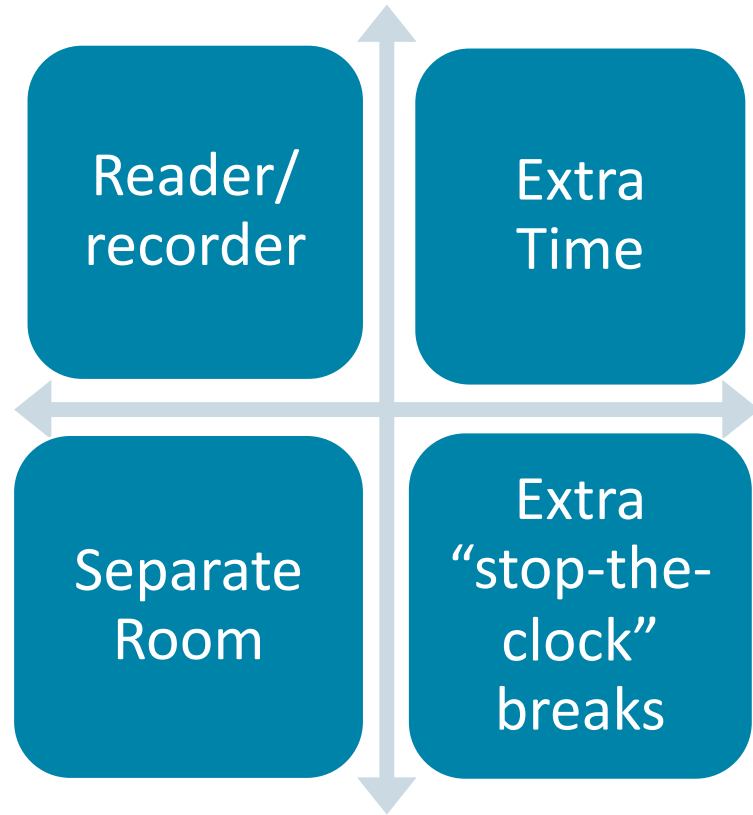
Active substance abuser

Test Anxiety



Homemade diagnoses

# Commonly Requested Accommodations

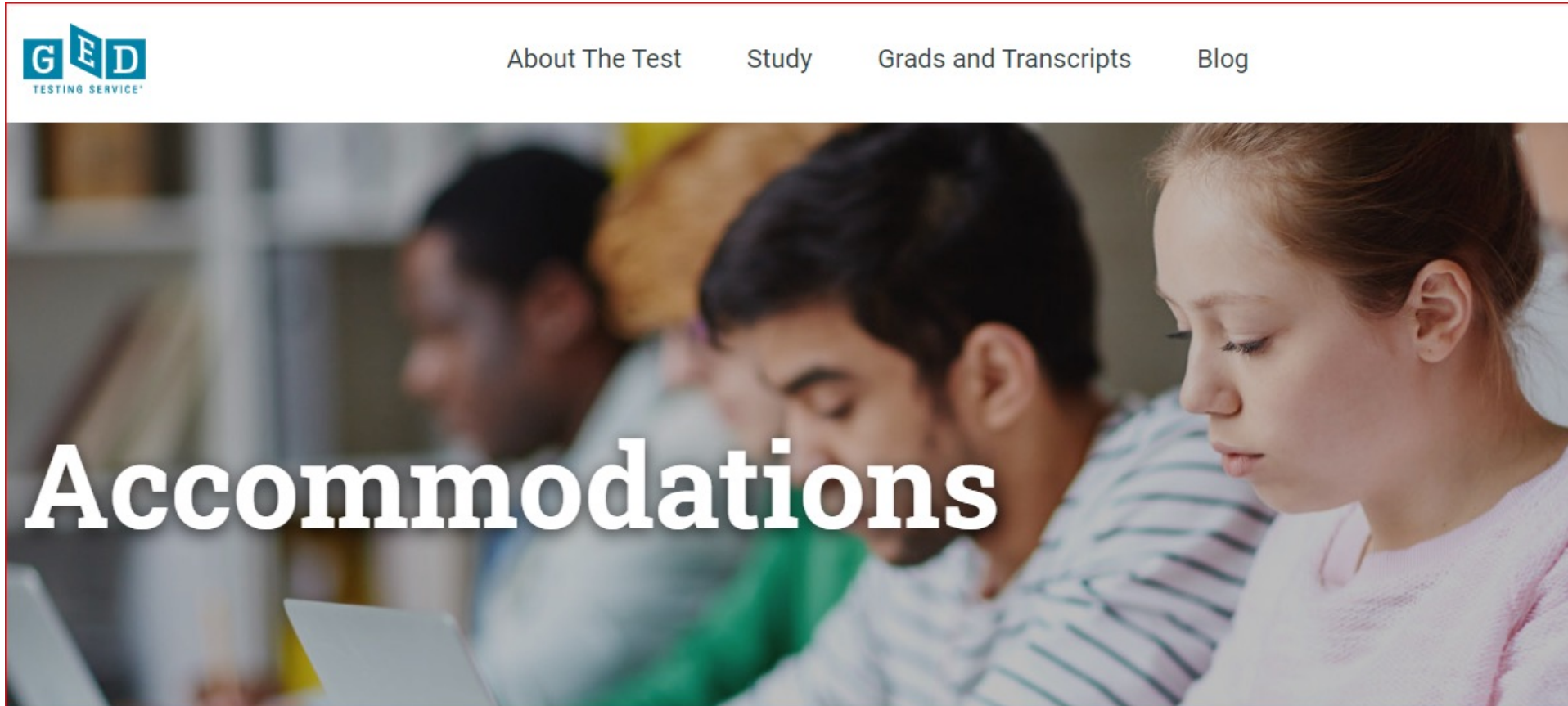




# Documentation Guidelines

Review documentation guidelines:

[https://ged.com/about\\_test/accommodations/](https://ged.com/about_test/accommodations/)



# Assistive Technology

Universal Access  
features



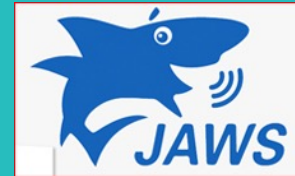
Adaptive  
equipment



Magnification



JAWS



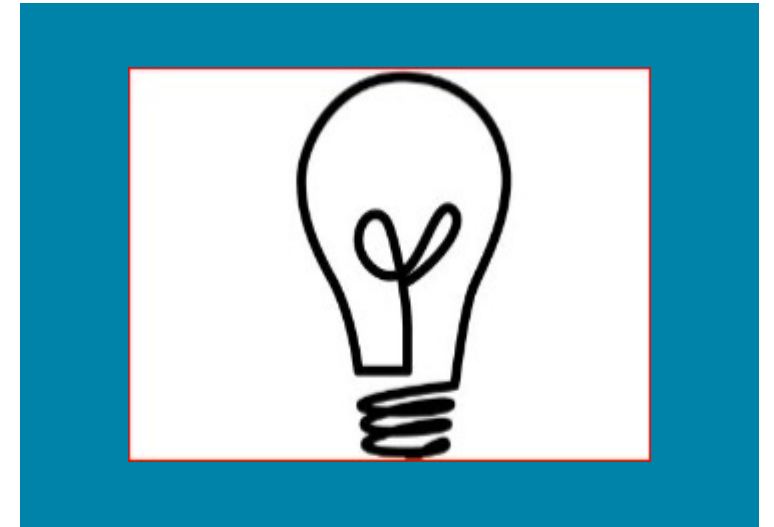
# Emerging Trends in Accommodations and Accessibility



Accommodation vs  
Fundamental Alteration



Accommodations vs  
Security



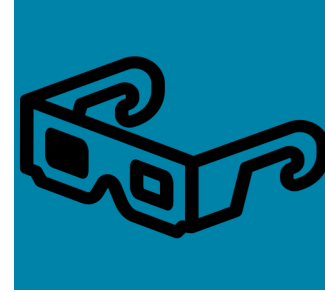
Non-standard requests

# Accommodation Review Process

- Who reviews requests?
- How are determinations made?
  - Consider all documentation
  - Continual calibration
  - Written explanations



# Outer Limits of Accommodations



## Unlimited time



The accommodation cannot be so extreme that test validity is compromised

## Waiving a portion of the test



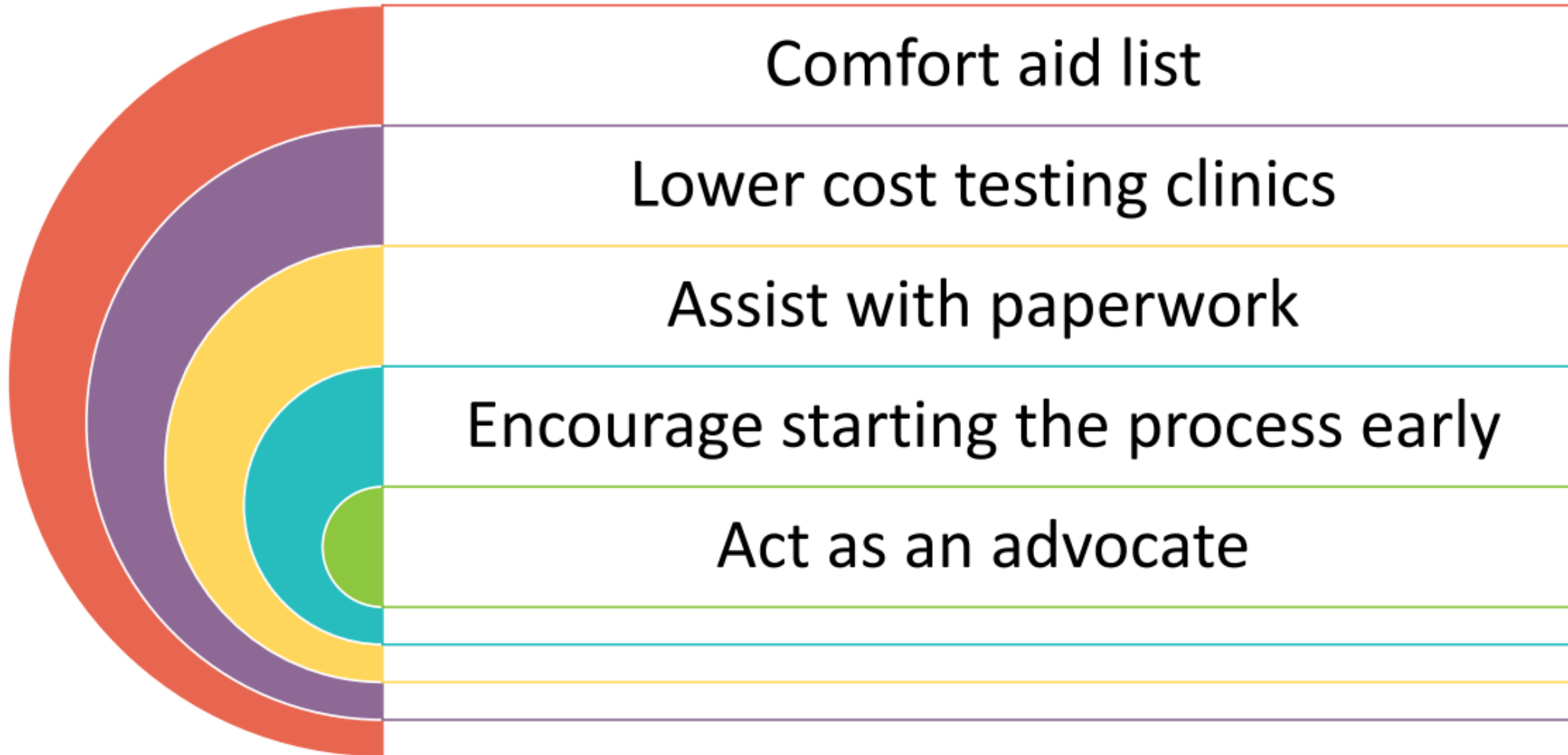
The accommodation cannot fundamentally alter the test's purpose

## Administer medical care



The accommodation cannot jeopardize test security or the safety of staff/others

# How can you help your students?



# Scheduling Information

- The determination letter will have scheduling instructions - corrections candidates must be scheduled by phone
- Approvals of reader and recorder require facility staff that are not directly involved with GED instruction
- Give the scheduling agent the name and phone number to call back



# Resources on the Accommodation Page

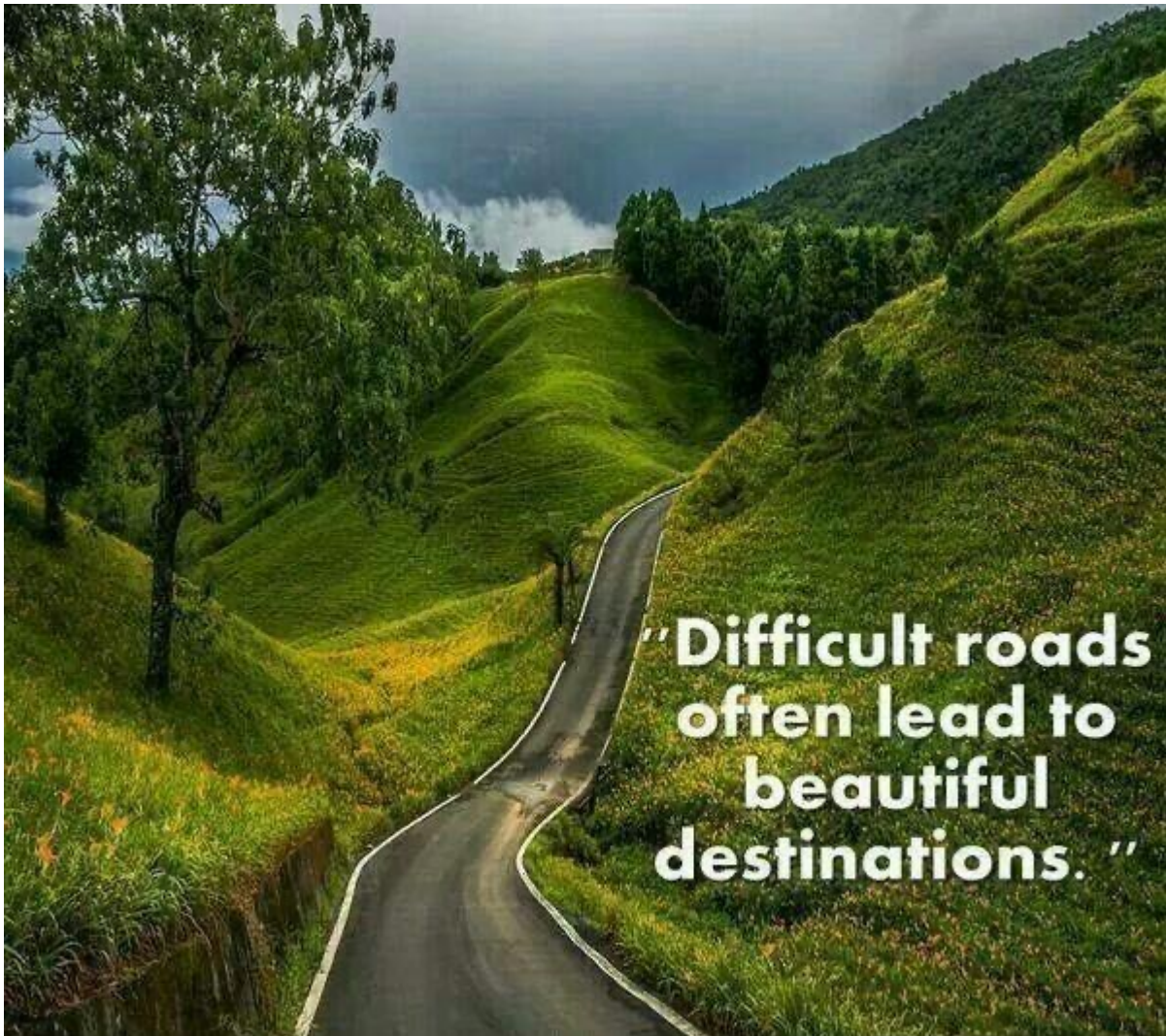
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Lower-cost Testing Clinics in the United States](#)
- [Personal Items and Minor Modifications](#)

Questions? Email [accommodations@GED.com](mailto:accommodations@GED.com)





# Questions?



**"Difficult roads  
often lead to  
beautiful  
destinations. "**

*Special thank you to all who help  
bring equity to GED Testing Service*



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