

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CERTIFICATION FORM

Please use this form to verify that you have graduated from high school or will meet the Ability to Benefit requirement. Then return this form to the Ventura College Financial Aid Office.

What does completing all graduation requirements mean, exactly?

Completing all high school graduation requirements means you have passed all required coursework and passed any required examination, including the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE), (if required), and received a diploma.

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Last Name	First Name	MI	SSN/ID

Please check the box of the statement that best fits your educational status.

A. I have completed all of my high school requirements, including passing the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE), if required.
If you checked A, above, please fill in the items below.
Month and year of graduation: _____
Name of high school or agency: _____
City, State , Country of high school: _____

B. I have passed the State of California High School Proficiency Examination. Issue Date: _____

C. I have passed the General Education Development (GED) Test Issue Date: _____

Student Certification: By signing the certification below, I am affirming that I have completed all of my high school graduation requirements including passing the CAHSEE, or I have passed a high school equivalency test such as a GED. I understand that it is illegal to report false or misleading information. I have read the information printed above and certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of California, that the information above is true and correct. Falsification of information will result in repayment of federal/state funds.

Signature Date

D. I do not meet any of the three statements above.

What if I have not graduated from high school or do not have a graduation equivalent? What can I do?
If you do not have a high school diploma or the equivalent, be aware that Federal regulations require that students have the "ability to benefit" from college. Students who do not have a high school diploma or its equivalent, and are beyond the age of compulsory education (18 in California).

- Must complete an approved Department of education Ability to Benefit test prior to receiving financial aid. If you are at least 18 years old, please contact the test administrator, Stephen Manriquez, at 654-6402 for testing information.
- If you have successfully completed a minimum of 6 college degree applicable units please notify our office.

Signature Date