



# **CHAIRMAN'S MEMORANDUM**

## **NO. 4-2014**

### **March 26, 2014**

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**TO: SHERIFFS, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS, AND COMMISSIONERS OF CORRECTION, NEW YORK CITY WARDENS**

**RE: PART 7070, Educational Services for Youth - Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC)**

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Beginning in January, 2014, New York State replaced the traditional General Equivalency (GED) test with the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC) exam. This newly implemented testing program contains several new provisions that may impact the manner in which educational services, including the administration of equivalency testing, are provided at county correctional facilities.

Pursuant to 9 NYCRR section 7070.3(a), sheriffs, CAOs and commissioners shall direct their designated liaison to confer with the education personnel responsible for coordinating the delivery of educational services at your respective facilities to discuss their compliance with any newly established state regulations and testing protocols implemented as a result of the change to this new testing program.

The TASC exam is produced by CTB/McGraw-Hill and is based on the Common Core Learning Standards for Mathematics and English Language Arts and other national standards for Science and Social Studies. Facility liaisons should further make certain that any procedures relevant to the delivery of educational services, including the administration of equivalency testing, are revised as necessary.

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**Thomas A. Beilein, Chairman**

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