

475 Adults Get Hi-School Diplomas

Four hundred seventy five adults in Alaska who did not finish high school earned high school diplomas by examination during the first four months of 1970, Commissioner of Education Cliff R. Hartman announced last week.

Diplomas are granted by the Alaska Department of Education under the General Educational Development (GED) Program to adults who successfully complete the high school equivalency testing program.

GED Program Supervisor Betty Vic Young reports that the department is reaching a greater number of adult Alaskan each year. The total number of degrees granted during 1969 was 842.

Applicants take a series of two hour tests covering basic subjects in the Alaska high school curriculum.

An individual who has resided in the state for more than 30 days is eligible to take GED tests six months after the time he would have graduated had he enrolled or continued his high school education.

Many communities in Alaska offer adult education courses to help individuals prepare for the examinations. These are generally given through the community colleges or through local civic groups.

Interested persons should contact their nearest GED Center for advice on how to best prepare for the equivalency tests.

Each of Alaska's seven community colleges now has testing facilities. A center has been established in the Lathrop High School for Fairbanks area resi-

dents.

Adults may also write directly to the Department of Education to obtain more information or to apply for examination.