

505-2-.44 RETIRED EDUCATOR CERTIFICATE

(1) Purpose. The Retired Educator certificate is a renewable certificate that allows retired Georgia educators to maintain certification for the purposes of substitute teaching or other educational activities for which GaPSC educator certification is not required but may be desirable.

(2) Requirements. The Retired Educator certificate may be issued to an educator who meets the following requirements:

- (a) Has previously held a GaPSC renewable, professional educator certificate;
- (b) Is a retired Georgia educator as verified by:
 1. Teachers Retirement System of Georgia (TRS);
 2. Comparable Georgia private school system; or
 3. Comparable public or private college or university retirement system; and
- (c) Does not hold any other valid Georgia educator certificate.

(3) Validity.

- (a) An initial Retired Educator certificate is valid for thirty (30) years;
- (b) A renewed Retired Educator certificate is valid for ten (10) years (See section (4) below);
and
- (c) A Retired Educator certificate is invalidated upon issuance of any other Georgia educator certificate.

(4) Renewal.

- (a) An initial Retired Educator certificate may be renewed for subsequent ten (10)-year validity periods; and
- (b) Renewal of a Retired Educator certificate requires submission of application documents outlined on www.gapsc.com and the application fee (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.28 CERTIFICATION FEES](#)), but does not require completion of professional learning or renewal credit.

(5) In-Field Statement.

- (a) Retired Educator certificate holders shall be placed in the highest priority group on substitute teaching lists for Georgia local units of administration (LUAs), as outlined in GaPSC Rule [505-2-.20 SUBSTITUTE TEACHING](#).
- (b) Retired Educator certificate holders may not serve in any position requiring GaPSC educator certification. Retired educators who are hired in positions requiring certification must meet requirements to renew their expired professional certificates.