

**Criteria for Satisfying the Computer Skill Competency Requirement outlined in Special Georgia Requirements per PSC Rule 505-2-.20 that leads to a Clear Renewable Certificate per PSC Rule 505-2-.03:**

**Those who MEET the Computer Skill Competency Requirement:**

- (1) Educators who have completed a GAPSC state-approved program leading to educator certification on or after July 01, 2001. A list of state-approved programs is available on the GaPSC website at <http://www.gapsc.com/ApprovedPrograms/EducationProgram.asp>
- (2) Educators who hold a valid National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) certification.
- (3) Out-of-state educators who completed an NCATE-approved educator preparation program leading to certification on or after July 1, 2001. A Recommendation Form from the NCATE institution or an official transcript verifying that an NCATE-approved program was completed is required.

**Those who do NOT MEET the Computer Skill Competency Requirement:**

- (4) Educators who completed a GAPSC state approved program leading to initial educator certification prior to July 01, 2001.
- (5) Out-of-state educators who did not complete an NCATE-approved educator preparation program prior to July 1, 2001.

**Paths to satisfying the Computer Skill Competency Requirement:**

- (6) Educators who meet the requirements outlined in Items (1), (2), or (3) above have satisfied the requirement.
- (7) Educators who demonstrate satisfactory proficiency on a PSC-approved test of computer skill competency [Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators (GACE) Computer Skill Competency Assessment – Test Code 178] meet the requirement. Information on the GACE Computer Skill Competency Assessment, including preparation, registration, and test sites, is available on the GaPSC website at [http://www.gace.nesinc.com/GA3\\_internet\\_based\\_testing.asp](http://www.gace.nesinc.com/GA3_internet_based_testing.asp)
- (8) Educators who successfully complete a PSC-approved course meet the requirement. A listing of PSC-approved courses for this requirement is located on the GaPSC website at <http://www.gapsc.com/ApprovedPrograms/EducationProgram.asp>

(9) Individuals who have not completed the requirement may, at the request of an employing school system, be issued a 1-year Non-Renewable Professional certificate during which time the requirement must be completed.

**Renewal:**

- (10) Once the Computer Skill Competency Requirement is satisfied, this requirement remains met.
- (11) Certificates expiring on June 30, 2006 or later shall NOT be renewed for a 5-year period unless the certificate holder demonstrates satisfactory proficiency on a PSC-approved test of computer skill competency (GACE Computer Skill Competency Assessment – test code 178) or completes a PSC-approved course or satisfies one of the Items (1), (2), or (3) above.

**Steps for providers to apply to offer PSC-approved courses that satisfy the Computer Skill Competency Requirement:**

- Providers that are interested in offering Computer Skill/Technology courses should download the application by going to [http://www.gapsc.com/TeacherEducation/Documents/Tech\\_App.pdf](http://www.gapsc.com/TeacherEducation/Documents/Tech_App.pdf)
- The standards upon which the application must be based can be downloaded by going to <http://www.gapsc.com/TeacherEducation/Documents/TechStandards.pdf>