



Professional Standards Commission
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NOTICE

TO: ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES

FROM: Professional Standards Commission and
Kelly C. Henson, Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the authority contained in Official Code of Georgia Title 20, it is proposed that the Professional Standards Commission initiate rulemaking procedures in accordance with Georgia Administrative Procedures Act so as to provide for (1) **amending** the current rules in Chapter 505-2 Certification, effective October 15, 2015, as follows: 505-2-.05, 505-2-.07, 505-2-.23, 505-2-.25, 505-2-.26, 505-2-.31, 505-2-.32, 505-2-.34, 505-2-.36, 505-2-.148, 505-2-.179, and 505-2-.182; (2) **initiating** the current rules in Chapter 505-2 Certification, effective October 15, 2015, as follows: 505-2-.44, 505-2-.91, and 505-2-.184; (3) **repealing** the current rules in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation, effective October 15, 2015, as follows: 505-3-.48, 505-3-.56, and 505-3-.93; (4) **initiating** the current rules in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation, effective October 15, 2015, as follows: 505-3-.48, 505-3-.56, 505-3-.61, and 505-3-.93.

All interested persons shall be afforded reasonable opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments orally or in writing. Anyone interested in making a written statement may do so by submitting it to the undersigned at 200 Piedmont Avenue, Suite 1702, Atlanta, Georgia 30334-9032. It is requested that such a statement be delivered on or before August 27, 2015. Opportunity for oral hearing shall be granted if requested by 25 persons who will be directly affected by the proposed rule, by a governmental subdivision, or by an association having not less than 25 members.

The Professional Standards Commission will consider the proposed rules during its regular meeting on September 10, 2015, to begin at approximately 12:30 p.m. at the Professional Standards Commission Board Room, 4th Floor, 200 Piedmont Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia 30334-9032.

These rules may be viewed in their entirety on the GaPSC website at <http://www.gapsc.com/Commission/Rules/home.aspx>. Presentation of rules in this format is permissible under O.C.G.A. § 50-13-2.

This notice is issued pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.

Discussion (Certification)

505-2-.05 PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.05 PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE, dated April 15, 2015, be AMENDED to clarify experience requirements for renewal of the Performance-Based Professional certificate. Makes it so that Proficient/Exemplary TKES ratings used for renewal of a PRT may have been earned on any GA certificate.

505-2-.07 LEAD PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE

It is proposed that Rule 505-2-.07 LEAD PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE, dated July 1, 2015, be AMENDED to clarify that any pre-requisite certificates must be valid, renewable, and professional in order to qualify for the Lead Professional certificate and to update the name of the Teacher Support and Coaching endorsement.

505-2-.23 CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

It is proposed that Rule 505-2-.23 CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY, dated July 1, 2015, be AMENDED to clarify the requirements for reissuance of a Certificate of Eligibility that is not converted to a full certificate prior to its expiration date.

505-2-.25 EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.25 EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS, dated July 1, 2014, be AMENDED to further define acceptable P-12 settings for educator experience.

505-2-.26 CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE ASSESSMENTS

It is proposed that Rule 505-2-.26 CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE ASSESSMENTS, dated April 15, 2015, be AMENDED to clarify the assessment requirements for Permit holders converting to Induction or Professional certificates. Clarifies that foreign language Permit holders must pass GACE (if available) for conversion to Induction or Professional.

505-2-.31 GaPSC-ACCEPTED ACCREDITATION: VALIDATION OF NON-ACCREDITED DEGREES

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.31 EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS, dated July 1, 2014, be AMENDED with the new name of "GaPSC-ACCEPTED ACCREDITATION FOR CERTIFICATION PURPOSES" to define acceptable accreditation for P-12 educational settings.

505-2-.32 VALIDITY PERIODS AND DATING OF CERTIFICATES

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.32 VALIDITY PERIODS AND DATING OF CERTIFICATES, dated July 1, 2014, be AMENDED to clarify the effective dates of different types of certificates and licenses.

505-2-.34 ADD A FIELD

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.34 ADD A FIELD, dated January 15, 2015, be AMENDED to allow for issuance of a Supplemental Induction certificate in the fields of Early Childhood Education and Special Education General Curriculum/Early Childhood Education, in accordance with a change in Rule 505-2-.04 INDUCTION CERTIFICATE that has already been adopted.

505-2-.36 RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.36 RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS, dated July 1, 2014, be AMENDED to establish that PLUs and CEUs awarded on or after 1/1/16 will not be acceptable for renewal credit, to clarify the requirements for acceptable PLUs, and to clarify the date after which educators must be employed or have Georgia experience in order to renew their certificates.

505-2-.44 RETIRED EDUCATOR CERTIFICATE

It is proposed that a new rule GaPSC Rule 505-2-.44 RETIRED EDUCATOR CERTIFICATE, with a new name and number, be INITIATED to create a new certificate type. This certificate will allow retired educators to qualify as top priority substitute teachers without having to fulfill renewal requirements (such as college credit or retesting).

505-2-.91 COMPUTER SCIENCE

It is proposed that a new Rule 505-2-.01 COMPUTER SCIENCE, with a new name and number, be INITIATED to create a new certificate field.

505-2-.148 SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.148 SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY, dated July 1, 2014, be AMENDED to adjust the numbering in section (5)(a)2.

505-2-.179 SPECIAL EDUCATION VISUAL IMPAIRMENT ENDORSEMENT

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.179 SPECIAL EDUCATION VISUAL IMPAIRMENT ENDORSEMENT, dated July 1, 2014, be AMENDED to change the base certificate requirements in accordance with a change in program admission requirements.

505-2-.182 TEACHER SUPPORT AND COACHING ENDORSEMENT

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.182 TEACHER SUPPORT AND COACHING ENDORSEMENT, dated July 3, 2015, be AMENDED to eliminate the option for a Supplemental Induction (SI) endorsement. The option for the SI is being removed because educators who hold Induction certificates may not be admitted to GaPSC-approved Teacher Support and Coaching Endorsement programs (See GaPSC Educator Preparation Rule 505-3-.105 TEACHER SUPPORT AND COACHING [TSC] ENDORSEMENT).

505-2-.184 DUAL IMMERSION EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.184 DUAL IMMERSION EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT be INITIATED to create an endorsement that will allow qualified foreign language teachers to teach Early Childhood Education in dual immersion schools.

Educator Preparation:

505-3-.48 FOREIGN LANGUAGE EDUCATION PROGRAM

It is proposed that Rule 505-3-.48 FOREIGN LANGUAGE EDUCATION PROGRAM, dated May 15, 2014, be REPEALED and that a new rule with same number and the same title be INITIATED. The new rule is intended reflect changes in the standards published by the American Council on the Teacher of Foreign Languages.

505-3-.56 SPECIAL EDUCATION GENERAL CURRICULUM EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM (P-5)

It is proposed that Rule 505-3-.56 SPECIAL EDUCATION GENERAL CURRICULUM EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM (P-5), dated May 15, 2014, be REPEALED and that a new rule with the same number and the same title be INITIATED. The new rule involves the adoption of the standards by the Council for Exceptional Children 2012.

505-3-.61 AUTISM EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM

It is proposed that a new rule with the name of AUTISM EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM, and a number of 505-3-.61, be INITIATED to prepare both general education and special educators to work with students with Autism. This endorsement does not qualify general education teachers to be the teacher of record for special education students.

505-3-.93 K-5 SCIENCE ENSORSEMENT PROGRAM

It is proposed GaPSC Rule 505-3-.93, K - 5 SCIENCE ENSORSEMENT PROGRAM, dated May 15, 2014, be REPEALED and a new rule with the same number and the same title be INITIATED. Program standards have been updated to align with A Framework for K-12 Science Education (2012).

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Kelly C. Henson
Executive Secretary