

505-2-.03 CLEAR RENEWABLE CERTIFICATE

(1) The Clear Renewable certificate is the title of Georgia's full, professional educator certificate.

(2) To qualify for the Clear Renewable certificate, the educator shall:

(a) have completed a state-approved program in the field per Rule [505-2-.16](#) or have an out-of-state certificate in the field per Rule [505-2-.15](#). For a limited number of fields, which are identified in the individual field rules, advanced degrees are required and in some cases holding a specified state or national credential may also result in a Clear Renewable certificate; and

1. For some certificate fields, state-approved programs are limited in number or restricted in geographic location making it difficult to meet the hiring needs of all school systems. For these specific situations, as determined by the Commission on a case-by-case basis, the PSC shall maintain a process for establishing specific course work requirements to add the field based on a transcript review of PSC prescribed courses.

(b) have completed the Special Georgia Requirements per Rule [505-2-.20](#).

(3) Clear Renewable certificates may be issued for all types and all fields. A list of fields is maintained on the PSC web site at www.gapsc.com.

(4) The Clear Renewable certificate is valid for 5 years, with the following exceptions:

(a) Former Georgia Educators or out-of-state certificate holders who do not meet all Special Georgia Requirements may, at the request of an employing Georgia school system, be issued a 5-year Non-renewable Professional certificate. All requirements must be completed during this time frame, and upon completion the educator may apply for the appropriate renewable certificate.

(b) Former Georgia educators who have not met standard renewal requirements may, at the request of an employing Georgia school system, be issued a 1-year Non-renewable Professional certificate. All requirements must be completed during that time frame and upon completion the educator may apply for the appropriate Clear Renewable certificate. The new Clear Renewable certificate will be issued for four years to complete the established 5-year cycle.

(5) Standard Renewal requirements apply, as outlined in Rule [505-2-.24](#).

(6) Information on primary and alternative routes for obtaining a Clear Renewable certificate may be found on the PSC web site at www.gapsc.com.

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