

505-2-.09 LIFE AND PERFORMANCE-BASED CERTIFICATES

(1) Life Certificate.

(a) Life certificates were issued prior to July 1, 1974 to educators eligible under requirements in place at that time. Life certificates remain in effect, but all new certificates issued after that date will be non-life titles. However, if all certificate fields have the life title, new endorsements may continue to be added with the life title. After the first non-life title certificate is issued, all new endorsements will also be non-life.

(b) Once issued, the life status continues to remain in effect without any renewal requirements for an unlimited validity period. Life certificates are considered non-renewable because no renewal requirements must be met.

(c) Life certificates may be upgraded to higher certificate levels without altering the validity period of the life certificate.

(d) Holders of Life certificates in the Special Education fields and in Middle Grades, if assigned as the teacher of record in core academic content concentrations, MUST meet content concentration requirements as outlined in the appropriate PSC certification rule.

(e) Life certificate holders are not required to satisfy the computer skill competency component of the Special Georgia Requirements, as long as ALL the certificates they hold have the Life title.

(2) Performance-Based Certificate.

(a) Performance-Based certificates are issued as a result of a classroom performance-based evaluation system known as the Teacher Performance Assessment Instrument (TPAI). These certificates have been issued for most teaching fields and the service field of Speech and Language Pathology. The TPAI was discontinued in 1990. Individuals who earned the Performance-Based title may continue to add new teaching endorsements, teaching fields and the service field of Speech and Language Pathology with the Performance-Based title. No new Performance-Based certificates shall be issued to those who did not complete the TPAI.

(b) Holders of Performance-Based certificates in the Special Education fields and in Middle Grades, if assigned as the teacher of record in core academic content concentrations, MUST meet content concentration requirements as outlined in the appropriate PSC certification rule.

(c) The Performance-Based certificate is valid for 5 years and standard renewal requirements apply.

(d) Performance-Based certificates may be upgraded to higher certificate levels.