



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 August 15, 2009, as follows: 505-2-.02, 505-2-.25 and 505-2-.108.

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 Two Peachtree Street, Suite 6000, Atlanta, GA 30303. It is requested that such a statement be delivered on or before June 21, 2009. 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 July 9, 2009, to begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Professional Standards Commission Board Room, 5th Floor, Two Peachtree Street, Atlanta, GA 30303.

These rules may be viewed in their entirety on the PSC website at <http://www.gapsc.com/rules.asp>. 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.

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Discussion (Certification)

505-2-.02 CLASSIFICATION: CATEGORY, TITLE, TYPE, FIELD, LEVEL

It is proposed that section (e) 1. (v) General requirements for recognizing certificate level six is amended to allow candidates in innovative doctoral degree programs to qualify for an upgrade to level six after completing a set of requirements comparable to a Specialist degree program.

505-2-.25 ADD A FIELD TO AN EXISTING CERTIFICATE

It is proposed that the Add A Field rule be amended to clarify that the dual major field of Special Education General Curriculum / Early Childhood Education (P-5) cannot be added to another Clear Renewable certificate by passing the content assessment. This is the only dual major certificate field that we have and it was never intended that the content assessment would be sufficient to add this certificate to another teaching certificate. To allow this would be enabling an individual to add two teaching fields to their certificate by taking one content assessment.

505-2-.108 ~~EARLY CHILDHOOD~~ SPECIAL EDUCATION GENERAL CURRICULUM / EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (P-5)

It is proposed that this rule be amended to make the name of the rule consistent with the name as it is shown on the certificate and with the preparation program name. It also clarifies that the professional certificate is the Clear Renewable certificate.

Kelly C. Henson
Executive Secretary