



FINAL NOTICE

TO: Employers of Educators
Preparers of Educators
Other Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Professional Standards Commission Rule Rescission/Amendment/Adoption

On July 9, 2026, the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC) initiated the rulemaking process to **(1) amend** the current rules in Chapter 505-2- Certification, effective October 15, 2026, as follows: 505-2-.08; 505-2-.11, 505-2-.26, 505-2-.34, 505-2-.46, and 505-2-.106, **(2) adopt** the current rules in Chapter 505-2- Certification, effective October 15, 2026, as follows: 505-2-.198, 505-2-.199, 505-2-.200, and 505-2-.201; **(3) repeal** the current rules in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective October 15, 2026, as follows: 505-3-.64, and 505-3-.68; **(4) adopt** the current rules in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective October 15, 2026, follows: 505-3-.64, and 505-3-.68; and **(5) amend** the current rules in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective October 15, 2026, as follows: 505-3-.14, 505-3-.27, 505-3-.92, and 505-3-.112.

On September 10, 2026, the Commission adopted the aforementioned rules, effective October 15, 2026.

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

Certification

505-2-.08. Provisional Certificate

This newly adopted rule clarifies that an individual may not obtain the academic content concentration in Special Education Reading solely through passage of an assessment.

505-2-.11. International Exchange Certificate

This newly adopted rule clarifies the requirement for completion of the Literacy Assessment as a condition of certificate conversion.

Rule 505-2-.26. Certification and Licensure Assessments

This newly adopted rule clarifies that an individual may not obtain the academic content concentration in Special Education Reading solely through passage of an assessment, and the Literacy assessment is required as a condition of International Exchange certificate conversion.

Rule 505-2-.34. Add a Field

This newly adopted rule allows a test-in option for Elementary Grades P–5.

505-2-.46. Military Support Certificate

This newly adopted rule complies with updates to the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA), 50 U.S.C. § 4025a, effective December 23, 2024, and the requirements of the Settlement Agreement in *United States v. Georgia Secretary of State, GaPSC, and Georgia State Board of Pharmacy* (effective March 26, 2026). The amendments: update definitions to align with the SCRA and the Settlement Agreement; remove the prior two-year teaching requirement for SCRA applicants; restate the SCRA license portability requirements consistent with federal law; establish a Non-Renewable Professional Military Support

certificate as an interim credential when an SCRA application cannot be processed within thirty (30) days; clarify that the Provisional certificate may be re-issued annually for up to three (3) years; add a validity provision for the Non-Renewable certificate.

505-2-.106. Academic Content Concentrations

This newly adopted rule clarifies that an individual may not obtain the academic content concentration in Special Education Reading solely through passage of an assessment.

505-2-.198. Artificial Intelligence for Educators Endorsement

This newly adopted rule creates an endorsement that will strengthen and enhance educators' competencies to effectively and ethically utilize artificial intelligence in education and education-adjacent settings.

505-2-.199. Artificial Intelligence for Educators Micro-Endorsement

This newly adopted rule creates a micro-endorsement that will strengthen and enhance educators' capacity to understand and apply AI in education.

505-2-.200. Safety and Hunter Education Endorsement

This newly adopted rule creates an endorsement that will expand access to hunter safety education courses in grades 6-12 taught by certified instructors.

505-2-.201. Lifeguarding and Aquatic Safety Micro-Endorsement

This newly adopted rule establishes a micro-endorsement that permits educators holding Health and Physical Education (P–12) certification and this micro-endorsement to provide instruction in lifeguarding and aquatic safety courses.

Educator Preparation

505-3-.14. Elementary Education (P-5) Program

This newly adopted rule adds the requirements set forth in the Math Matters Act (HB1030), passed in the 2026 legislative session.

505-3-.27. Mathematics Education Program

This newly adopted rule adds the requirements set forth in the Math Matters Act (HB1030), passed in the 2026 legislative session.

505-3-.64. Instructional Technology Program

This newly adopted rule addresses the following standards adapted from the standards published in 2024 by the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE).

505-3-.68. School Nutrition Director Program

This newly adopted rule incorporates updated program content standards recommended by a GaPSC task force comprised of subject matter experts.

505-3-.92. K-5 Mathematics Endorsement

This newly adopted rule adds the requirements set forth in the Math Matters Act (HB1030), passed in the 2026 legislative session.

505-3-.112. Dyslexia Endorsement

This newly adopted rule updates the definition of dyslexia, published in 2025 by the International Dyslexia Association (IDA), and to make non-substantive clarifications.