

## **FINAL NOTICE**

**TO:** Employers of Educators  
Preparers of Educators  
Other Interested Parties

**FROM:** Matt Arthur, Executive Secretary

**SUBJECT:** Professional Standards Commission Rule Rescission/Amendment/Adoption

On March 12, 2020, the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC) initiated the rulemaking process to (1) **amend** the current rules in Chapter 505-2- Certification, effective July 1, 2020, as follows: 505-2-.03, 505-2-.05; 505-2-.08, 505-2-.09, 505-2-.45, 505-2-.46, 505-2-.87, 505-2-.90, 505-2-.145, 505-2-.147, and 505-2-.148; (2) **repeal** the current rules in Chapter 505-2- Certification, effective July 1, 2020, as follows: 505-2-.10, 505-2-.11, 505-2-.24, 505-2-.26, 505-2-.32, 505-2-.39, 505-2-.42, and 505-2-.153; (3) **adopt** the current rules in Chapter 505-2- Certification, effective July 1, 2020, as follows: 505-2-.10, 505-2-.11, 505-2-.24, 505-2-.26, 505-2-.32, 505-2-.39, 505-2-.42, and 505-2-.153; and (4) **amend** the current rules in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective July 1, 2020, as follows: 505-3-.01, 505-3-.05, 505-3-.66, and 505-3-.112; (5) **repeal** the current rules in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective July 1, 2020, as follows: 505-3-.13, and 505-3-.14; and (6) **adopt** the current rules in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective July 1, 2020, as follows: 505-3-.13, and 505-3-.14.

On May 14, 2020, the Commission repealed/amended/adopted the aforementioned rules, effective July 1, 2020.

These repealed/amended/adopted rules may be downloaded in their entirety from the GaPSC website at 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 title of any rule. Presentation of rules in this format is permissible under O.C.G.A. § 50-13-2.

### **Discussion (Certification)**

#### **505-2-.03 PRE-SERVICE TEACHING CERTIFICATE**

This newly adopted rule removes the Educator Ethics Assessment - Program Entry requirement and requires the Educator Ethics Assessment - Program Exit.

#### **505-2-.05 PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE**

This newly adopted rule refers to the Non-Renewable Professional certificate rule for the available options for certification.

#### **505-2-.08 PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE**

This newly adopted rule removes the Educator Ethics Assessment - Program Entry and requires the Educator Ethics Assessment - Program Exit.

#### **505-2-.09 NON-RENEWABLE PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE**

This newly adopted rule allows service and leadership certificate holders to qualify under certain conditions and clarifies the Induction certificate title.

#### **505-2-.10 PERMIT**

This newly adopted rule requires a passing score on the Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Exit Assessment prior to issuance, revises the validity of the Permit to five years once initial requirements are met for the extension, and clarifies the requirements for issuance of a Permit after a Non-Professional certificate was issued.

#### **505-2-.11 INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE CERTIFICATE**

This newly adopted rule reorganizes rule format and language, and requires a passing score on the Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Exit Assessment prior to issuance.

#### **505-2-.24 SPECIAL GEORGIA REQUIREMENTS**

This newly adopted rule updates the Educator Ethics Assessment - Program Entry and the Program Exit requirements.

### **505-2-.26 CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE ASSESSMENTS**

This newly adopted rule updates the Educator Ethics Assessment - Program Entry and the Program Exit requirements.

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

This newly adopted rule eliminates duplicate information and clarifies the definition of academic year.

### **505-2-.39 CERTIFICATION APPEAL**

This newly adopted rule outlines the appeal process, clarifies the timeline for submitting an appeal, and updates the formatting.

### **505-2-.42 CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE**

This newly adopted rule requires completion of the Educator Ethics Assessment - Program Exit for issuance of the Clearance certificate and updates formatting.

### **505-2-.45 MONTESSORI CERTIFICATE**

This newly adopted updates the Educator Ethics Assessment - Program Entry and the Program Exit requirements, and aligns Provisional requirements with traditional teaching certification.

### **505-2-.46 MILITARY SUPPORT CERTIFICATE**

This newly adopted rule updates the Educator Ethics Assessment - Program Entry and the Program Exit requirements.

### **505-2-.87 HEALTHCARE SCIENCE**

This newly adopted rule updates the Educator Ethics Assessment - Program Entry and the Program Exit requirements.

### **505-2-.90 CAREER AND TECHNICAL SPECIALIZATIONS**

This newly adopted rule updates the Educator Ethics Assessment - Program Entry and the Program Exit requirements.

### **505-2-.145 SCHOOL NUTRITION DIRECTOR**

This newly adopted rule replaces references to the Induction Certificate with Provisional Certificate and eliminates the requirement for enrollment in a program for issuance of a Provisional and Non-Renewable certificate.

### **505-2-.147 SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK**

This newly adopted rule updates the requirements for renewal.

### **505-2-.148 SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY**

This newly adopted rule corrects the assessment requirement from GACE to Praxis.

### **505-2-.153 EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE**

This newly adopted rule requires a passing score on the Ethics for Educational Leadership – Program Exit Assessment prior to issuance of the professional certificate, and allows a one-year Non-Renewable certificate for educators applying by reciprocity to align requirements with teaching and service field rules.

## **Discussion (Educator Preparation)**

### **505-3-.01 REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS**

This newly adopted rule removes the Ethics Assessment requirement at program exit and requires a passing score on the Ethics Assessment for program admission.

### **505-3-.05 GEORGIA TEACHER ACADEMY FOR PREPARATION AND PEDAGOGY (GaTAPP)**

This newly adopted rule removes the Ethics Assessment requirement at program exit and requires a passing score on the Ethics Assessment for program admission.

**505-3-.13 BIRTH THROUGH KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM**

This newly adopted rule incorporates the standards published in 2019 by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and the standards published in 2017 by the Council for Exceptional Children-Initial Specialty Set in Early Childhood.

**505-3-.14 ELEMENTARY EDUCATION**

This newly adopted rule incorporates the standards published in 2018 by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP), and the standards published in 2019 by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Also included are elements of the standards published in 2007 by the Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI), related to the content areas of English/language arts, science, mathematics, social studies, the arts, health, and physical education.

**505-3-.66 LITERACY SPECIALIST PROGRAM**

This newly adopted rule adds program admission requirements.

**505-3-.112 DYSLEXIA ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM**

This newly adopted rule clarifies terminology and adds an indicator further describing expectations related to the use of assessments.