

## 505-2-.23 CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

### Nature of Amendment(s):

Substantive  
 Clarification  
 Further Definition

### Discussion:

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.23 CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY, dated October 15, 2015, be AMENDED to clarify the Certificate of Eligibility is not issued for Induction Pathway 4 certificates.

### Current/Amended Sections(s):

(Additions are underlined in bold type; deletions are marked through.)

#### (1) Procedures.

(a) With the effective date of this rule, the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC) Certification Division will issue the following documents based on completion of a GaPSC-approved educator preparation program; completion of an out-of-state approved educator preparation program; submission of a professional out-of-state educator certificate; or possession of an expired Induction or Professional Georgia educator certificate.

1. Certificate of Eligibility: Issued to any applicant meeting the criteria described in paragraph (1)(a) who has completed all Georgia requirements for renewable professional or Induction certificate issuance, with the exception of employment by a Georgia local unit of administration (LUA). The Certificate of Eligibility verifies that the individual is qualified for employment by an LUA. **The Certificate of Eligibility is not issued to an applicant meeting requirements for the Induction Pathway 4 certificate. These individuals will provide documentation to the prospective or current employing LUA of meeting eligibility requirements.**

2. Requirements Letter: Any applicant meeting the criteria described in paragraph (1)(a) who has not met all Georgia requirements for certification will be issued a letter outlining outstanding requirements for certification.

#### (2) Validity.

(a) The Certificate of Eligibility and Requirements Letter are valid for five (5) years from the date of issuance.

1. If employment is not secured within the validity period of the Certificate of Eligibility, a new Certificate of Eligibility may be issued upon submission of a new Application for Certification and appropriate documentation of meeting all current requirements with the exception of employment by a Georgia LUA. If the individual applied for certification based on completion of a GaPSC-approved educator preparation program, an updated Approved Program Completion form verifying the individual is in compliance with current program requirements must be submitted. All documentation must accompany an Application for Certification and follow application procedures outlined in GaPSC Rule [505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION APPLICATION PROCEDURES](#).

2. If requirements outlined in a Requirements Letter are not completed prior to the expiration date, a new Requirements Letter may be issued based on current requirements upon submission of a new Application for Certification and appropriate documentation. If the individual applied for certification based on completion of a GaPSC-approved educator preparation program, an updated Approved Program Completion form verifying the individual is in compliance with current program

requirements must be submitted. All documentation must accompany an Application for Certification and follow application procedures outlined in GaPSC Rule [505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION APPLICATION PROCEDURES](#).

(b) If the individual completes all outstanding certification requirements outlined in the Requirements Letter prior to its expiration date, the individual must submit an Application for Certification prior to the expiration date of the letter and follow application procedures outlined in GaPSC Rule [505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION APPLICATION PROCEDURES](#).

1. If employed by an LUA, the individual will be issued the appropriate certificate along with a letter outlining applicable requirements.

2. If not employed by an LUA, the individual will receive a Certificate of Eligibility.

**(3) Employment.**

(a) Upon employment and submission of an Application for Certification by the employing Georgia LUA, educators holding a Certificate of Eligibility will be issued the appropriate certificate.

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