

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

**Nature of Amendment(s):**

Substantive  
 Clarification  
 Further Definition

**Discussion:**

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.09 NON-RENEWABLE PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE, dated July 1, 2017, be RESCINDED and that a new rule with the same number and title be INITIATED to outline the requirements to qualify for the Non-Renewable Professional certificate.

**(1) Summary:** The Non-Renewable certificate allows individuals to become employed under certain conditions while completing certification requirements.

**(2) Requirements.** The Non-Renewable Professional certificate may be issued at the request of an employing local unit of administration (LUA) to individuals in the following scenarios:

(a) One (1)-Year Non-Renewable.

1. Georgia educators who do not meet renewal requirements;
2. Out-of-state educators who hold or held a professional out-of-state teaching certificate, have at least three years of successful teaching experience, but who have not met Georgia content testing requirements;
3. Out-of-state educators who hold or held a professional out-of-state service certificate, but who have not met Georgia content testing requirements; and
4. Out-of-state educators who have completed an approved out-of-state service field program and have not met Georgia content testing requirements.

(b) Three (3)-Year Non-Renewable.

1. Georgia educators who hold a valid renewable professional certificate in any field, but are assigned to teach in a field in which they do not meet certification requirements;
2. Individuals who have not met certain requirements for renewable professional certification in a service field, as outlined in the individual service field rules, excluding Curriculum and Instruction, Instructional Technology, School Psychology, and Teacher Leadership (See GaPSC Rules [505-2-.140 AUDIOLOGY](#) through [505-2-.149 TEACHER LEADERSHIP](#)); and
3. Individuals assigned to work in a leadership position while completing a GaPSC-approved Tier I or Tier II certification program in Educational Leadership.

(c) Five (5)-Year Non-Renewable.

1. Non-Renewable Professional certificates in School Psychology (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.146 SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY).

**(3) Fields of Issuance.**

(a) Non-Renewable Professional certificates may be issued in all teaching, service, leadership, and endorsement fields at the request of an employing Georgia LUA.

**(4) Restrictions.**

(a) The standard validity period may be decreased by the number of years for which an individual has held an Induction, Supplemental Induction, or Non-Renewable certificate, including a Waiver certificate, in the same field;

(b) Individuals assigned to work in a leadership position may be issued a three (3)-year Non-Renewable Performance-Based Professional Educational Leadership certificate. If an individual is required to hold both Tier I and Tier II certificates, the LUA may request a three (3)-year Non-Renewable Performance- Based Professional certificate extension after completion of requirements for a Professional Tier I certificate in leadership as outlined in GaPSC Rule [505-2-.153 EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP](#).

**(5) Conversion.** Specific requirements that must be completed to convert the Non-Renewable Professional certificate to renewable professional status will be printed on the certificate and outlined in correspondence accompanying the certificate. Additional information may be found on the GaPSC web site at [www.gapsc.com](http://www.gapsc.com).

**(6) Renewal.**

(a) Non-Renewable Professional certificates may not be renewed or extended. An individual who has previously held a Non-Renewable certificate that was not converted to a renewable professional certificate is not eligible for any further Non-Renewable certificates in any field.

(b) Individuals who have previously held a Non-Renewable Professional certificate, but were not employed as an educator in the certificate field during at least one (1)-full year of the validity period, may apply for an extension of the Non-Renewable Professional certificate. Non-Renewable Professional certificates may only be extended for the number of full years for which the educator can document that he or she was not employed as an educator in the Non-Renewable Professional certificate field.

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