

505-2-.28 CERTIFICATION FEES

Nature of Amendment(s):

Substantive
 Clarification
 Further Definition

Discussion:

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.22 CERTIFICATION FEES dated July 1, 2014, be AMENDED to remove references to the Certificate of Eligibility.

Current/Amended Sections(s):

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

(1) Requirements.

(a) An applicant for certification shall be required to pay a \$20 fee for all certification transactions, with the following exceptions:

1. An applicant employed by a Georgia local unit of administration (LUA) shall be exempt from the \$20 fee for the following transactions:
 - (i) Initial certification (first Georgia certificate);
 - (ii) Upgrading to a higher-level certificate (based on the awarding of a higher degree) when the applicant holds a Georgia certificate;
 - (iii) Adding a field to a certificate;
 - (iv) Renewal of any certificate;
 - (v) Conversion from any Non-Renewable certificate to a renewable certificate; and
 - (vi) Moving from one (1) certification tier to another.
2. An applicant for initial certification (~~first Georgia certificate or initial Certificate of Eligibility~~) who graduated from a GaPSC-approved educator preparation program shall be exempt from the \$20 fee; and
3. No fee is required for changing the legal name on a certificate.

(b) For any application transaction that requires a fee, the application or request shall be accompanied by a cashier's check or money order made payable to the State of Georgia in the correct amount. The fee may also be paid by credit card through an applicant's MyPSC account.

(c) To qualify for exemption of the certification fee based on employment, the LUA must verify employment following procedures outlined in GaPSC Rule [505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION APPLICATION PROCEDURES](#).