



Summary of Proposed Changes to GaPSC Certification Rules

October 10, 2019 Initiation

Public Comment Period: November 1, 2019 – November 30, 2019

At its October 10, 2019, meeting, the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC) initiated the rulemaking process for the Certification rules listed below. Summaries of proposed rule changes are provided below and the **proposed rules are available at:**

<http://www.gapsc.com/Commission/Rules/home.aspx>

The public comment period for these rules is open from **November 1, 2019, through November 30, 2019**. Written comments related to these rules must be submitted via e-mail (RulesComments@GaPSC.com) or via regular mail (200 Piedmont Avenue, SE, Suite 1702, West Tower, Atlanta, Georgia 30334-9032). Commissioners will consider formal adoption of the proposed rules during their regular meeting on December 12, 2019. If you have questions about these proposed rules, please contact Penney McRoy at penney.mcroy@gapsc.com.

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Rule #	Rule Name	Summary of Rules Action
505-2-.01	Georgia Educator Certification	This rule is being amended to include the Provisional Rule, educator responsibility when rules change, and update website information.
505-2-.02	Classification	This rule is being amended to add the Provisional title. In addition, the Military Support and Montessori types established in previously adopted rules will be added during this rule revision.
505-2-.04	Induction Certificate	This rule is being rescinded and a new rule with the same number and title will be initiated to reorganize and clarify requirements to qualify for an Induction certificate. There will no longer be different Induction Pathways (Pathway 1, 2, 3) or Supplemental Induction fields, and GA program completer's may now qualify for a 1 year Induction certificate at the request of a GA LUA if they have met all program requirements except for passing the edTPA/GACE content assessment.

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505-2-.05	Professional Certificate	This rule is being rescinded and a new rule with the same number and title will be initiated to reorganize and clarify requirements to qualify for a Professional certificate. Educators applying via reciprocity may now qualify for a 1 year Non-Renewable certificate at the request of a GA LUA if they have not met the content testing requirement.
505-2-.08	Provisional Certificate	This rule is being initiated to re-establish the Provisional certificate for individuals transitioning into a career in education. The Provisional certificate will take the place of the previously issued Induction Pathway 4 certificate.
505-2-.09	Non-Renewable Professional Certificate	This rule is being rescinded and a new rule with the same number and title will be initiated to outline the requirements to qualify for the Non-Renewable Professional certificate.
505-2-.13	Waiver Certificate	This rule is being rescinded and a new rule with the same number and title will be initiated to clarify requirements to qualify for a Waiver certificate.
505-2-.14	Endorsements	This rule is being rescinded and a new rule with the same number and title will be initiated to remove references to the different Induction pathways and update the validity of the Non-Renewable endorsement certificate from 2 to 3 years.
505-2-.20	Substitute Teaching	This rule is being amended to remove references to the Certificate of Eligibility.
505-2-.21	Certification by Interstate Reciprocity	This rule is being rescinded and a new rule with the same number and title will be initiated to reorganize and clarify requirements to qualify for certification by interstate reciprocity. Out of state educators with less than 3 years of acceptable experience will now need to pass the Ethics Exit assessment prior to obtaining their Georgia certification.
505-2-.22	Certification by State-Approved Program	This rule is being rescinded and a new rule with the same number and title will be initiated to update the requirements for individuals completing out-of-state programs with clinical practice completed in a Georgia school, out-of-country program completers, and to replace references to No Child Left Behind

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		with ESSA verbiage. As of 7/1/20 individuals completing their student teaching in Georgia must be placed for a minimum of one full semester.
505-2-.23	Requirements Letter	GaPSC rule 505-2-.23 Certificate of Eligibility is being rescinded and a new rule with the same number and titled Requirements Letter will be initiated to outline the scenarios in which the GaPSC will outline outstanding requirements.
505-2-.24	Special Georgia Requirements	This rule is being rescinded and a new rule with the same number will be initiated to update the experience requirements for out-of-state educators and revise the content knowledge assessment requirement section. These changes will allow issuance of a one-year Induction certificate to Georgia program completers who have not passed the content exam or edTPA, and issuance of a one-year Induction or Nonrenewable certificate to out-of-state program completers who lack the required certification assessments.
505-2-.25	Experience Requirements	This rule is being rescinded and a new rule with the same number and title will be initiated to simplify language, provide greater clarity, and to coincide with revisions in connected certification rules. A Out of state experience no longer needs to be within the past 5 years to be acceptable to exempt a special Georgia requirements.
505-2-.26	Certification and Licensure Assessments	This rule is being rescinded and a new rule with the same number and title will be initiated to a update the Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Exit Assessment requirements and replace a Induction Pathway language with Provisional. The Program Exit assessment will now be required in order to qualify for Induction certification.
505-2-.27	Certification Application Procedures	This rule is being amended to remove Supplemental Induction language and allow individuals to independently apply for Induction certification.
505-2-.28	Certification Fees	This rule is being amended to remove references to the Certificate of Eligibility.

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505-2-.32	Validity Periods and Dating of Certificates	This rule is being amended to simplify language, provide greater clarity, and to coincide with revisions in connected certification rules.
505-2-.33	Certificate Upgrade	This rule is being amended to remove references to the different Induction pathways.
505-2-.34	Add a Field	This rule is being rescinded and a new rule with the same number and title will be initiated to reorganize and clarify requirements to add a field to a Georgia certificate.
505-2-.36	Renewal Requirements	This rule is being rescinded and a new rule with the same number and title will be initiated to simplify language, provide greater clarity, and to coincide with revisions in connected certification rules. A separate guidance document will be created to advise on the local administration of PLPs and PLGs.
505-2-.45	Montessori Certificate	This rule is being rescinded and a new rule with the same number and title will be initiated to reorganize and clarify requirements to qualify for the Montessori certificate.
505-2-.46	Military Support Certificate	This rule is being rescinded and a new rule with the same number will be initiated to reorganize and clarify requirements to qualify for the Military Support Certificate and to include the process for military members called to active duty during their certificate validity.
505-2-.87	Healthcare Science	This rule is being rescinded and a new rule with the same number and title will be initiated to reorganize and clarify requirements to qualify for certification in Healthcare Science.
505-2-.90	Career and Technical Specializations	This rule is being rescinded and a new rule with the same number and title will be initiated to reorganize and clarify requirements to qualify for certification in Career and Technical Specializations.
505-2-.140	Audiology	This rule is being rescinded and a new rule with the same number and title will be initiated to reorganize and clarify requirements to qualify for certification in Audiology.

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505-2-.141	Curriculum and Instruction	This rule is being rescinded and a new rule with the same number and title will be initiated to reorganize and clarify requirements to qualify for certification in Curriculum and Instruction. The field of Curriculum and Instruction can now be added to Induction certificates as an Induction field.
505-2-.142	Instructional Technology	This rule is being rescinded and a new rule with the same number and title will be initiated to reorganize and clarify requirements to qualify for certification in Instructional Technology. The field of Instructional Technology can now be added to Induction certificates as an Induction field.
505-2-.143	Media Specialist	This rule is being rescinded and a new rule with the same number and title will be initiated to reorganize and clarify requirements to qualify for certification in Media Specialist.
505-2-.144	School Counseling	This rule is being rescinded and a new rule with the same number and title will be initiated to simplify language, provide greater clarity, and to coincide with revisions in connected certification rules. If someone already holds a Georgia certificate, in order to add the field of School Counseling they must complete a GaPSC or CaCREP approved program in addition to meeting all special Georgia requirements for the field.
505-2-.145	School Nutrition Director	This rule is being amended to remove the option to qualify for this field based on completion of a GaPSC-prescribed program.
505-2-.146	School Psychology	This rule is being rescinded and a new rule with the same number and title will be initiated to reorganized and clarify requirements to qualify for certification in School Psychology.
505-2-.147	School Social Work	This rule is being rescinded and a new rule with the same number and title will be initiated to reorganized and clarify requirements to qualify for certification in School Social Work.
505-2-.148	Speech and Language Pathology	This rule is being rescinded and a new rule with the same number and title will be initiated to update the certificate types not issued in this field and update renewal requirements.
505-2-.149	Teacher Leadership	This rule is being rescinded and a new rule with the same number and title will be initiated to reorganize and clarify requirements to qualify for certification in Teacher Leadership. The field of Teacher Leadership can now be added to Induction certificates as an Induction field.

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505-2-.161	Career Technical Instruction (CTI) Endorsement	This rule is being amended to update the in-field statement and language for consistency.
505-2-.181	Teacher Leader Endorsement	This rule is being amended to remove references to the Supplemental Induction field and add that the Teacher Leader endorsement may now be added to an Induction certificate as an Induction field.