



Summary of Proposed Changes to GaPSC Certification Rules

March 13, 2025, Initiation

Public Comment Period: March 28, 2025, through April 26, 2025

At its March 13, 2025, 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 March 28, 2025, through April 26, 2025. Written comments related to these rules must be addressed to GaPSC Executive Secretary, Dr. Joseph C. Barrow, Jr., and may be submitted via e-mail (RulesComments@GaPSC.com) or via regular mail (200 Piedmont Avenue, Suite 1716, Atlanta, Georgia 30334-9032). Commissioners will consider formal adoption of the proposed rules during their regular meeting on May 8, 2025. If you have questions about these proposed rules, please contact the certification division using the contact form at <https://www.gapsc.com/Certification/EmailPSC.aspx>.

Proposed Certification Rules		
Rule #	Rule Name	Summary of Rules Action
505-2-.04 505-2-.22 505-2-.26	Induction Certificate Certification by State-Approved Program Certification and Licensure Assessment	These rules are proposed to be repealed and new rules with the same number and title initiated to include a change in testing providers resulting in new assessment titles and the addition of new state-required literacy assessments in compliance with The Georgia Early Literacy Act (HB 538) of 2023 along with changes to both organize format and include information for clarity and consistency.
505-2-.05 505-2-.45 505-2-.46	Professional Certificate Montessori Certificate Military Support Certificate	These rules are being amended to include a change in testing providers resulting in new assessment titles and the addition of new state-required literacy assessments in compliance with The Georgia Early Literacy Act (HB 538) of 2023 along with changes to both organize format and include information for clarity and consistency.
505-2-.09 505-2-.21	Non-Renewable Professional Certificate Certification by Interstate Reciprocity	These rules are being amended to include the addition of the new state-required literacy assessments in compliance with the Georgia Early Literacy Act (HB 538) of 2023 and changes to both organize format and include information for clarity and consistency.

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Rule #	Rule Name	Summary of Rules Action
505-2-.10	Permit	This rule is being amended to include a change in testing providers resulting in new assessment titles and the addition of new state-required literacy assessments in compliance with The Georgia Early Literacy Act (HB 538) of 2023, update an endorsement that may be added to a Permit, and changes to both organize format and include information for clarity and consistency.
505-2-.24 505-2-.34	Special Georgia Requirements Add a Field	These rules are being amended to include a change in testing providers resulting in new assessment titles, the addition of a new state-required literacy assessments in compliance with The Georgia Early Literacy Act (HB 538) of 2023, removal of the test-in option for the fields of Middle Grades Reading 4-8 and Reading P-12 and changes to both organize format and include information for clarity and consistency.
505-2-.36	Renewal Requirements	This rule is being amended to include accepting continuing education courses accredited by the International Dyslexia Association (IDA), as IDA training is accepted by the Georgia Department of Education to satisfy literacy training requirements of the Georgia Early Literacy Act (HB 538) of 2023.
505-2-.87 505-2-.90	Healthcare Science Career and Technical Specializations	These rules are being amended to include a change in testing providers resulting in new assessment titles, the addition of the new state-required literacy assessments in compliance with The Georgia Early Literacy Act (HB 538) of 2023 changes, the option for certification based on an expired healthcare or CTAE license in good standing, and to both organize format and include information for clarity and consistency.