

**505-2-.159. Birth through Five Endorsement**

Nature of Amendment(s):

Substantive  
 Clarification  
 Further Definition

**Discussion:**

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.159 BIRTH THROUGH FIVE ENDORSEMENT, dated July 1, 2019, be RESCINDED and a rule with the same number and title be INITIATED to adjust formatting, correct certificate titles, add field of eligibility, and correct the in-field statement to reflect it is an in-field endorsement.

**(1) Eligibility Requirements.**

- (a) To be eligible for the Professional or Five-Year Induction Birth through Five Endorsement, an individual must hold a level four (4) or higher renewable Professional or Five-Year Induction certificate in Elementary Education or Special Education General Curriculum/Elementary Education (Grades P-5) and complete other requirements outlined in GaPSC Rule [505-2-.14 ENDORSEMENTS](#).
- (b) To be eligible for the Three-Year Non-Renewable or Three-Year Induction Birth through Five Endorsement, an individual must hold a level four (4) or higher Professional or Five-Year Induction certificate in Elementary Education or Special Education General Curriculum/Elementary Education (Grades P-5) and have the certificate requested by the employing Georgia local unit of administration (LUA) following procedures outlined in GaPSC Rule [505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION APPLICATION, MyPSC AND TEST ELIGIBILITY PROCEDURES](#).

**(2) In-Field Statement (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.40 IN-FIELD ASSIGNMENT](#)).**

- (a) An individual with the Birth through Five endorsement is in-field to teach children from birth through five years of age.
- (b) Each state-approved curriculum course, with specified certificate fields that are designated as in-field, may be found under Certification/Curriculum Assignment Policies (CAPS) on the GaPSC website at [www.gapsc.com](http://www.gapsc.com).

Authority O.C.G.A. § 20-2-200.