



Summary of Proposed Changes to GaPSC Certification Rules

July 9, 2026, Initiation

Public Comment Period: July 31, 2026, through August 29, 2026

At the July 9, 2026, Commission meeting, rulemaking was initiated for the Certification rules listed below. A summary of proposed rule changes is provided below. The proposed rules will be available on the GaPSC website at: <http://www.gapsc.com/Commission/Rules/home.aspx>.

The public comment period for these rules is open from July 31, 2026, through August 29, 2026. 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 proposed rule amendments during their regular meeting on September 10, 2026. If you have questions about the proposed amendments, please contact Certification at [GaPSC - Contact Certification](#).

Proposed Certification Rule Changes		
Rule # 505-2-	Rule Name	Summary
505-2-.08 505-2-.26 505-2-.106	Provisional Certificate Certification and Licensure Assessments Academic Content Concentrations	Amendments are proposed to remove the ability for special education teachers to add the field of reading to a certificate via testing.
505-2-.34	Add a Field	Amendments are proposed to allow a test-in option for the Elementary Grades P-5 for those who meet the criteria outlined in the proposed rule.
505-2-.46	Military Support Certificate	Amendments are proposed to comply with updates to the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA), 50 U.S.C. § 4025a, effective December 23, 2024, and the requirements of the Settlement Agreement in United States v. Georgia Secretary of State, GaPSC, and Georgia State Board of Pharmacy (effective March 26, 2026).

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Rule # 505-2-	Rule Name	Summary
505-2.198 505-2-.199	Artificial Intelligence for Educators Endorsement Artificial Intelligence for Educators Micro-Endorsement	These proposed new rules align with GaPSC Educator Preparation rule 505-3-.114 Artificial Intelligence for Educators Endorsement, aimed at strengthening and enhancing educators' competencies to effectively and ethically utilize artificial intelligence in education and education-adjacent settings.
505-2-.200	Safety and Hunter Education Endorsement	This proposed new rule creates a new endorsement that will expand access to hunter safety education courses in grades 6-12 taught by certified instructors.
505-2-.201	Lifeguarding and Aquatic Safety Micro-Endorsement	This proposed new rule establishes a micro-endorsement that permits educators holding Health and Physical Education (P-12) certification and this micro-endorsement to provide instruction in lifeguarding and aquatic safety courses.