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505-2-.09. Non-Renewable Professional Certificate

Nature of Amendment(s):

____Substantive
__√__Clarification
____Further Definition

Discussion:

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.09 Non-Renewable Professional Certificate, dated July 1, 2025, be AMENDED to align its Educational Leadership provisions with GaPSC Rule 505-2-.153 EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE. This amendment removes Section (2)(b)3, which required assignment to a leadership position as a condition for receiving Non-Renewable certificate and revises Section (4)(b), which required an individual to hold both a Tier I and a Tier II certificate to receive a Non-Renewable extension.

Current/Amended Sections:
(Additions are underlined in bold type; deletions are marked through).

(1) Summary: The Non-Renewable certificate allows individuals to become employed under certain conditions while completing certification requirements.

(2) Requirements. The Non-Renewable Professional certificate may be issued at the request of an employing local unit of administration (LUA) to individuals in the following scenarios:

(a) One (1)-Year Non-Renewable.

1. Georgia educators who do not meet renewal requirements.

2. Completers of a GaPSC-approved service field or leadership program who have satisfied all program requirements with the exception of the content knowledge assessment(s) and have obtained a valid recommendation from the educator preparation provider (EPP).

    (i) Georgia educators who are adding a service or leadership field to an existing certificate, held a Three-Year Nonrenewable or Provisional certificate while completing program requirements in the field are not eligible for a One (1)-Year Non-Renewable certificate. All program and assessment requirements must be met to receive professional certification in the service or leadership field.

3. Out-of-state educators applying by reciprocity who hold or held a professional out-of-state teaching certificate, have at least three years of successful teaching experience, but who have not met Georgia content knowledge or literacy assessment requirements.

4. Out-of-state educators applying by reciprocity who hold or held a professional out-of-state service or leadership certificate, but who have not met Georgia content knowledge assessment requirements.

5. Out-of-state educators who have completed a GaPSC-accepted out-of-state service field or leadership program and have obtained a valid recommendation from the educator preparation provider (EPP) but not met Georgia content knowledge assessment requirements.

(b) Three (3)-Year Non-Renewable.

1. Georgia educators who hold a valid renewable professional certificate in any teaching field but are assigned to teach in a field in which they do not meet certification requirements.

2. Individuals who have not met certain requirements for renewable professional certification in a service field, as outlined in the individual service field rules, excluding Audiology, Curriculum and Instruction, Instructional Technology, Speech and Language Pathology, and Teacher Leadership (See GaPSC Rules 505-2-.140 AUDIOLOGY through 505-2-.149 TEACHER LEADERSHIP).

3. Individuals assigned to work in a leadership position while completing a GaPSC-approved ~~Tier I or Tier II~~ certification program in Educational Leadership.

(3) Fields of Issuance.

(a) Non-Renewable Professional certificates may be issued in all teaching, service, leadership, and endorsement fields at the request of an employing Georgia local unit of administration (LUA).

(4) Restrictions.

(a) The standard validity period may be decreased by the number of years an individual has held a Three (3)-Year Induction, Supplemental Induction, or Non-Renewable certificate, including a Waiver certificate, for which requirements were not met.

(b) Individuals assigned to work in a leadership position may be issued a three (3)-year Non-Renewable Professional Educational Leadership certificate~~. If an individual is required to hold both Tier I and Tier II certificates, the local unit of administration (LUA) may request a three (3)-year Non-Renewable Performance-Based Professional certificate extension after completion of requirements for a Professional Tier I certificate in leadership as outlined in GaPSC Rule 505-2-.153 EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP.~~ **At the request of the employing LUA, the Non-Renewable Professional Educational Leadership certificate held by an individual with a Tier I Educational Leadership certificate may be extended for an additional three (3) years to complete the Tier II Educational Leadership program, the certification-only bridge program, or the Performance-Based Educational Leadership program, as outlined in GaPSC Rule 505-2-.153 EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP or Rule 505-3-.76 ALTERNATIVE PREPARATION FOR EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP.**

(5) Conversion. Specific requirements that must be completed to convert the Non-Renewable Professional certificate to renewable professional status will be printed on the certificate and outlined in correspondence accompanying the certificate.

(a) One-Year Non-Renewable to Professional.

1. Pass the required GACE content knowledge assessment.

2. Pass the required GACE literacy assessment aligned with the teaching field(s) of issuance if an individual is applying through interstate reciprocity on or after July 1, 2026.

3. Meet Professional Learning (PL) as outlined by the Georgia local unit of administration (LUA).

(b) Three-Year Non-Renewable to Professional.

1. Pass the required GACE content knowledge assessment aligned with the field of issuance.

   (i) Effective July 1, 2025, adding a new teaching field through the GACE content knowledge assessment, requires a passing score on the aligned GACE literacy assessment.

2. Complete a GaPSC-approved or GaPSC-accepted program in the field of issuance, if applicable, as outlined in GaPSC Rule 505-2-.34 ADD A FIELD, GaPSC Rule 505-2-.22 CERTIFICATION BY STATE-APPROVED PROGRAM, or GaPSC Rule 505-2-.153 EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE.

   (i) If enrolled in a GaPSC-approved or GaPSC-accepted program in an initial or new teaching field, excluding endorsements, on or after June 1, 2025, an individual must pass the aligned GACE literacy assessment.

3. Satisfy industry testing and/or hold licensure in the field where applicable, which may be found HERE.

   (i) Effective July 1, 2025, if an educator is adding a new Career and Technical Specialization or Healthcare Science field, a passing score on the GACE Fundamentals of the Science of Reading literacy assessment is also required.

(6) Renewal.

(a) Non-Renewable Professional certificates may not be renewed or extended. An individual who has previously held a Non-Renewable certificate that was not converted to a renewable professional certificate is not eligible for any further Non-Renewable certificates in any field.

(b) Individuals who have previously held a Non-Renewable Professional certificate, but did not utilize the certificate for one (1) or more full academic years, may be eligible for an extension of the Non-Renewable Professional certificate upon the request of a Georgia employing local unit of administration (LUA). Non-Renewable Professional certificates are not issued for partial academic years and may only be extended for the number of full years for which the educator can document that the certificate was not used.

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