Summmary of Proposed Changes to GaPSC Certification Rules

October 8, 2026, Initiation
December 10, 2026, Proposed Adoption
Public Comment Period: November 2, 2026, through December 1, 2026

At the October 8, 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 November 2, 2026, through December 1, 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 December 10, 2026. If you have questions about the proposed amendments, please contact Certification at GaPSC - Contact Certification.

Proposed Certification Rule Changes		
Rule #	**Rule Name**	**Summary of Rules Action**
505-2-.09	**Non-Renewable Professional Certificate**	Amendments are proposed to update Educational Leadership field titles based on the changes in Rule 505-2-.153 Educational Leadership Certificate.
505-2-.10	**Permit**	Amendments are proposed to align with the recent revision to Rule 505-2-.187, by clarifying that individuals certified in Engineering and Technology may be eligible to add the Dramatic Writing Micro-endorsement.
505-2-.27	**Certification Application and Test Eligibility Procedures**	Amendments are proposed to update the rule title to **Certification Application and Test Eligibility Procedures**, a change that will also be reflected in every rule that cites this rule's title. It is further proposed that the rule be revised to update the acceptable submission method for Foreign Credential Reports (FCRs), requiring that evaluations be submitted directly to the GaPSC by the evaluation agency.

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Rule #	**Rule Name**	**Summary of Rules Action**
505-2-.32	**Validity Periods and Dating of Certificates**	Amendments are proposed to clarify International Exchange certificate validity periods by incorporating the International Exchange Conditional extension provided in Rule 505-2-.11, revised effective July 1, 2026.
505-2-.57	**Teaching Fields**	Amendments are proposed to update the list of Georgia certification teaching fields and endorsements to reflect newly adopted rules. The revision also updates terminology and related references for consistency with current GaPSC certification rules.
505-2-.153	**Educational Leadership Certificate**	Amendments are proposed to implement recommendations of the Educational Leadership Task Force that restructure the Educational Leadership certification from the current two-tiered model to a single performance-based certification system, revise requirements for reciprocity, and establish requirements for individuals holding an existing Tier I Educational Leadership certificate who choose to convert to the new performance-based certificate.
505-2-.154	**Superintendent Certificate**	Amendments are proposed to update Educational Leadership field titles resulting from the change to Rule 505-2-.153 Educational Leadership Certificate.
505-2-.187	**Dramatic Writing Micro-Endorsement**	Amendments are proposed to allow individuals certified in Engineering and Technology to also add the Dramatic Writing Micro-Endorsement.
505-2-.199	**Artificial Intelligence for Educators Micro-Endorsement**	An amendment is proposed to revise the name of this micro-endorsement to the **Foundations of Artificial Intelligence in Education Micro-Endorsement**, consistent with the name established in GaPSC Rule 505-3-.114 Artificial Intelligence for Educators Endorsement.
505-2-.202	**Literacy Coaching Endorsement**	Amendments have been made to establish the Literacy Coaching endorsement and prescribe the requirements for educators to obtain

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		certification as literacy coaches, in accordance with the Georgia Early Literacy Act of 2026 (HB 1193).