



Professional Standards Commission
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NOTICE

TO: ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES

FROM: Professional Standards Commission and
Dr. Joseph C. Barrow, Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the authority contained in Official Code of Georgia Title 20, it is proposed that the Professional Standards Commission initiate rulemaking procedures in accordance with Georgia Administrative Procedures Act so as to provide for **(1) amending** the current rules in Chapter 505-2- Certification, effective July 1, 2025, as follows: 505-2-.20, 505-2-.09, 505-2-.10, 505-2-.21, 505-2-.24, 505-2-.34, 505-2-.36, 505-2-.45, 505-2-.46, 505-2-.87, and 505-2-.90; **(2) repealing** the current rules in Chapter 505-2- Certification, effective July 1, 2025, as follows: July 1, 2025, as follows: 505-2-.04, 505-2-.22, 505-2-.26; **(3) initiating** the current rules in Chapter 505-2- Certification, effective July 1, 2025, as follows: 505-2-.04, 505-2-.22, 505-2-.26; and **(4) amending** the current rules in Chapter 3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective July 1, 2025, as follows: 505-3-.01, 505-3-.76, and 505-3-.77.

All interested persons shall be afforded reasonable opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments orally or in writing. **Anyone interested in making a written statement may do so by submitting it to RulesComments@GaPSC.com or mail to Rules Comments, Georgia Professional Standards Commission, 200 Piedmont Avenue, SE, Suite 1716, West Tower, Atlanta, Georgia 30334-9032. It is requested that such a statement be delivered on or before April 26, 2025.** Opportunity for oral hearing shall be granted if requested by 25 persons who will be directly affected by the proposed rule, by a governmental subdivision, or by an association having not less than 25 members.

The GaPSC will consider the adoption of these rules at the May 8, 2025, virtual meeting of the Commission to begin at approximately 4:00 p.m.

These rules may be viewed in their entirety on the GaPSC website at <http://www.gapsc.com/Commission/Rules/home.aspx>. Presentation of rules in this format is permissible under O.C.G.A. § 50-13-2.

This notice is issued pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.

Certification

505-2-.04 INDUCTION CERTIFICATE

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.04 INDUCTION CERTIFICATE, dated July 1, 2020, be REPEALED and that a new rule with the same number and title be INITIATED to include a change in testing providers resulting in new assessment titles, the addition of a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 along with changes to both organize format and include information for clarity and consistency.

505-2-.05 PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.05 PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE, dated July 1, 2020, be 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 along with changes to both organize format and include information for clarity and consistency.

505-2-.09 NON-RENEWABLE PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.09 NON-RENEWABLE PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE, dated July 1, 2020, be 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.

505-2-.10 PERMIT

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.10 PERMIT, dated April 15, 2024, be 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-.21 CERTIFICATION BY INTERSTATE RECIPROCITY

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.21 CERTIFICATION BY INTERSTATE RECIPROCITY, dated July 1, 2021, be AMENDED to include the requirement 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.

505-2-.22 CERTIFICATION BY STATE-APPROVED PROGRAM

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.22 CERTIFICATION BY STATE-APPROVED PROGRAM, dated April 15, 2024, be AMENDED to include the addition of a 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.

505-2-.24 SPECIAL GEORGIA REQUIREMENTS

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.24 SPECIAL GEORGIA REQUIREMENTS, dated April 15, 2021, be 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-.26 CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE ASSESSMENTS

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.26 CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE ASSESSMENTS, dated April 15, 2024, be to be REPEALED and that a new rule with the same number and title be INITIATED 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 along with changes to both organize format and include information for clarity and consistency.

505-2-.34 ADD A FIELD

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.04 ADD A FIELD dated January 1, 2020, be 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, 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

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.36 RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS, dated April 15, 2021, be 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-.45 MONTESSORI CERTIFICATE

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.45 MONTESSORI CERTIFICATE, dated July 1, 2022, be 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-.46 MILITARY SUPPORT CERTIFICATE

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.46 MILITARY SUPPORT CERTIFICATE, dated April 15, 2025, be 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-.87 HEALTHCARE SCIENCE

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.87 HEALTHCARE CERTIFICATE, dated July 1, 2022, be 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 license in good standing, and to both organize format and include information for clarity and consistency.

505-2-.90 CAREER AND TECHNICAL SPECIALIZATIONS

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.90 CAREER AND TECHNICAL SPECIALIZATIONS, dated July 1, 2022, be 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 industry license in good standing, and to both organize format and include information for clarity and consistency.

Educator Preparation

505-3-.01 REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-3-.01 REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS dated January 1, 2025, be AMENDED to incorporate Literacy Assessment requirements and to update assessment requirements for the fields of Teacher Leadership and Educational Leadership Tier II. Additional, non-substantive changes are proposed for clarification.

505-3-.76 ALTERNATIVE PREPARATION FOR EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-3-.76 ALTERNATIVE PREPARATION FOR EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM dated June 15, 2024, be AMENDED to revise assessment requirements for Educational Leadership Tier II programs, and to clarify that a Level 5 certificate is required for admission to a Tier I program.

505-3-.77 EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-3-.77 EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM dated April 15, 2024, be AMENDED to revise assessment requirements for Educational Leadership Tier II programs, and to clarify that a Level 5 Certificate is required for admission to a Certification-only Tier I program.

Adoption of Rules

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