



DATE: June 2, 2020

TO: Educator Preparation Providers
P-12 School Districts

FROM: Matt Arthur

SUBJECT: edTPA: Proposed Rules Changes

Dear Colleagues:

As shared in a communication with you on April 30, 2020, available [here](#), rules were initiated by the Commission to remove the edTPA as a program completion and certification requirement. As a reminder, if the initiated rules are adopted on June 11, 2020, the rules will become effective July 1, 2020. This date was selected as it is the beginning validity date of certificates and removes the requirement prior to the beginning of the 2020-21 academic year.

Candidate Refunds:

Pending the outcome of the proposed rule amendments, we do recognize that some candidates may wish to submit edTPA for their own information, and some Educator Preparation Providers (EPPs) may require their candidates to submit edTPA. For those candidates who are currently registered for edTPA but who do not plan to submit, the edTPA testing supplier, Evaluation Systems group of Pearson (ES), is issuing full refunds to test takers who registered and paid for edTPA but who do not plan to submit.

The full refund process was sent to EPP edTPA Coordinators, along with information about an upcoming webinar on the refund process, which is scheduled for June 4, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. EST. It is important to note the following:

- edTPA test takers who are currently registered and wish to cancel that registration, must do so before **June 19, 2020**, to receive the full refund. This timeline helps ensure refunds are issued in a timely way.
- Before cancelling a registration, test takers need to ensure they have copies of any materials they have uploaded into the ES registration system. Once the registration is cancelled, these materials will no longer be available.
- The edTPA Coordinator for the EPP will be asked by ES to approve the full refund.
- If further information related to refunds is needed, please email edTPASupport@pearson.com.

edTPA Support for EPPs:

If the proposed rule changes are adopted and the edTPA is eliminated, EPPs may choose to continue requiring edTPA. ES is offering an upcoming webinar for EPPs interested in learning more about maintaining

a requirement for edTPA. This is the first in a webinar series and will provide an overview of the support ES can provide.

This informational webinar is scheduled for June 9, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. EST, and information has been sent to EPP edTPA Coordinators. Additional information and login credentials are available by emailing lori.kroeger@pearson.com.

Pending rule adoption, effective July 1, 2020, GaPSC will no longer provide edTPA support.

Guidance and Timelines:

As previously shared, if the proposed rule amendments are adopted, the following guidance and timelines will apply.

- For academic year 2020-21 initial teaching program completers, edTPA is not a GaPSC program completion or certification assessment requirement.
- For Spring 2020 initial teaching program completers:
 - Candidates who have passed edTPA will retain that passing record on their Georgia certification.
 - Pending rule adoption, candidates who submitted but did not pass one or more tasks will not be required by GaPSC to re-submit.
 - Pending rule adoption, candidates who were not able to submit by the previous submission deadline will not be required by GaPSC to submit.
- For initial teacher program completers prior to Spring 2020, the edTPA requirement will be waived, and the appropriate certification will be issued by GaPSC, effective July 1, 2020.
- Individuals impacted by the removal of the edTPA requirement will be eligible for certification upon the July 1, 2020, effective date of the rule.

Role of edTPA in PPEMs:

If edTPA is eliminated, Preparation Program Effectiveness Measures (PPEMs) will be impacted beginning in 2021, as edTPA data currently contribute significantly to the Teacher Preparation Program Effectiveness Measures. GaPSC staff will engage the PPEM Advisory Council, comprised of EPP and P-12 representatives, in considering how best to adjust future PPEMs. The 2020 PPEMs will not be impacted, as they will incorporate edTPA results from prior academic years.

Impact on EPP Approval Reviews:

EPPs have received guidance from GaPSC Educator Preparation Division staff on how to adjust for the potential elimination of edTPA as a key assessment for program approval purposes. GaPSC staff will continue to provide support and guidance as needed to EPPs preparing for upcoming approval reviews. Please continue to send any approval review questions directly to your GaPSC Education Specialist.

As a general reminder, please stay up to date on GaPSC's COVID-19 information, including the latest update and webcast posted [here](#).

Please know that your collaborative work is always greatly appreciated.

Please let us know how we can be of assistance.