



DATE: June 12, 2020

TO: Educator Preparation Providers  
P-12 School Districts

FROM: Matt Arthur

SUBJECT: Status of edTPA Rules Amendments

The purpose of this communication is to inform you that on June 11, 2020, the Commission adopted rule amendments removing edTPA as a program completion and state certification requirement. These amended rules will become effective July 1, 2020.

This action, which follows the removal of one of the two ethics assessments requirements, is part of GaPSC's streamlining efforts and is aimed at reducing the number of certification assessments required to be a Georgia teacher. The removal of the edTPA and one of the ethics assessments cuts the assessment certification cost for teachers by almost half (48.5%).

It is important to our agency and me to let you know how much your thoughtful work to implement edTPA is appreciated. As shared previously, we, as an educational community, gained much from edTPA to inform our shared work. We remain committed to ensuring effective, ethical educators who can make a positive impact on P-12 learning.

Reminders:

- Educator Preparation Providers (EPPs) may wish to continue using edTPA. Programs interested in maintaining a requirement for edTPA can contact Lori Kroeger of the Evaluation Systems group of Pearson (ES) at [lori.kroeger@pearson.com](mailto:lori.kroeger@pearson.com). Effective July 1, 2020, GaPSC will no longer provide edTPA support.
- Teacher candidates who paid for edTPA and are currently registered, must cancel that registration before June 19, 2020, to receive the full refund. Information about the full refund process was sent to EPP edTPA Coordinators. If further information related to refunds is needed, please email [edTPASupport@pearson.com](mailto:edTPASupport@pearson.com).
- Distributed previously, more information about the impact of the removal of edTPA on certification, as well as guidance for EPPs, is available at:

- [https://www.gapsc.com/EducatorPreparation/Assessment/documents/edTPA-ProposedRuleChanges\\_Memo.pdf](https://www.gapsc.com/EducatorPreparation/Assessment/documents/edTPA-ProposedRuleChanges_Memo.pdf)
- [https://www.gapsc.com/Downloads/edTPA\\_Memo\\_6-2-2020.pdf](https://www.gapsc.com/Downloads/edTPA_Memo_6-2-2020.pdf)
- [https://www.gapsc.com/EducatorPreparation/Resources/Downloads/IHE/Key\\_Assessments-post\\_edTPA.pdf](https://www.gapsc.com/EducatorPreparation/Resources/Downloads/IHE/Key_Assessments-post_edTPA.pdf) (Information about Key Assessments used for program approval)

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

Thank you for your continued commitment and hard work toward continuous improvement.