

## 505-2-.09 NON-RENEWABLE PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE

**(1) 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 circumstances:

- (a) Georgia educators who do not meet renewal requirements;
- (b) Georgia educators who hold a valid renewable professional certificate in any field, but are assigned to teach in a field in which they do not meet certificate requirements;
- (c) Individuals who have not met certain requirements for renewable professional certification in a service field, as outlined in the individual service field rules (See GaPSC Rules [505-2-.140 AUDIOLOGY through 505-2-.149 TEACHER LEADERSHIP](#)); and
- (d) Educators assigned to work in a leadership position while completing a GaPSC-approved Tier I or Tier II certification program in Educational Leadership.

**(2) Fields of Issuance.** Non-Renewable Professional certificates may be issued in all fields and for teaching, service and leadership certificates at the request of an employing Georgia LUA.

**(3) Validity.** Non-Renewable Professional certificates are issued for a three (3)-year validity period with the following exceptions:

- (a) Educators being assigned to work in endorsement fields may be issued a two (2)-year Non-Renewable Professional certificate in an endorsement field as outlined in GaPSC Rule [505-2-.14 ENDORSEMENTS](#);
- (b) Educators who previously held renewable professional Georgia certification and are missing renewal requirements may be issued a one (1)-year Non-Renewable Professional certificate;
- (c) Educators previously holding a Supplemental Induction field who do not meet requirements for renewable professional certification in that field may be issued a Non-Renewable Professional certificate upon conversion of the base field Induction certificate to renewable professional certification;
- (d) Educators being assigned to work in a leadership position may be issued a three (3) year Non-Renewable Performance-Based Professional Educational Leadership certificate. If the educator is required to hold both Tier I and Tier II certificates, the 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](#);
- (e) Non-Renewable Professional certificates in School Psychology may be issued for five (5) years; and
- (f) The standard validity period may be decreased by the number of years for which the educator has held a Supplemental Induction, Non-Renewable certificate or license, including a Waiver certificate, in the same field.

**(4) 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. Additional information may be found on the GaPSC web site at [www.gapsc.com](http://www.gapsc.com).

**(5) Renewal.** Non-Renewable Professional certificates may not be renewed or extended. An

educator who has previously held a Non-Renewable certificate that was not converted to the renewable professional certificate is not eligible for any further Non-Renewable certificates in any field.

(a) Educators who have previously held a Non-Renewable Professional certificate, but were not employed as an educator in the certificate field during at least one (1) full year of the validity period, may apply for an extension of the Non-Renewable Professional certificate. Non-Renewable Professional certificates may only be extended for the number of full years for which the educator can document that he or she was not employed as an educator in the Non-Renewable Professional certificate field.

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