

505-2-.12 LIFE CERTIFICATE

(1) Background and Issuance. Life certificates were issued prior to July 1, 1974, to educators eligible under requirements in place at that time. Life certificates remain in effect, but any new field added after that date will hold a non-life title. However, if all certificate fields have the Life certificate title, new endorsements may continue to be added with the Life title. After the first non-Life title certificate is issued, all new endorsements will be added as a non-Life certificate.

(2) Validity. Once issued, the life status remains in effect without any renewal requirements and will be renewed automatically by the GaPSC prior to the end validity date listed on the certificate.

(3) To Upgrade the Level (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.33 CERTIFICATE UPGRADE](#)). Life certificates may be upgraded to higher certificate levels without altering the validity period of the life certificate.

(4) Academic Content Concentrations. Holders of Life certificates in the Special Education fields, if assigned as the teacher of record in core academic content concentrations, must meet content concentration requirements as outlined in the appropriate GaPSC rule.

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