

505-2-.37 CERTIFICATE EXTENSION FOR ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY

(1) Purpose. The purpose of this rule is to provide a mechanism for certified personnel to receive an extension of the validity period of a certificate when called to active military duty.

(2) Requirements.

(a) Any Georgia educator who holds an Induction, Non-Renewable Professional, Permit, or Waiver certificate and is called to active duty while that certificate is valid shall have that previous certificate re-issued with new, full validity dates under the following conditions:

1. The educator was employed by a local unit of administration (LUA) when called to active duty;
2. The educator is employed by a Georgia LUA within the same year or the year following active military duty; and
3. The certificate is requested by a Georgia LUA.

(b) Any Georgia educator who holds a renewable professional certificate and is called to active military duty while that certificate is valid shall have that previous certificate renewed for the full five (5)-year validity, even if renewal requirements have not otherwise been met, under the following conditions:

1. The educator was employed by a Georgia LUA when called to active duty;
2. The educator or an employing Georgia LUA applies for the renewal. The application packet must include a copy of the military orders showing start and end dates of the active duty period; and
3. If the certificate expired during the period of active duty, the new validity date shall be the first day of the month following the end of active duty, provided receipt of the renewal application and the end of active duty are within the same fiscal year (July 1 – June 30). If the renewal application is received after the end of the fiscal year in which active military duty ended, the renewed certificate will have a beginning validity date of July 1 of the fiscal year in which the application was received. If the certificate did not expire during the period of active duty, the new validity date shall be July 1 following the expiration date.

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