

Open the Door to Possibility:

*A Better Certification System
Awaits*

Georgia Professional Standards Commission

A Day With the GaPSC

March 3, 2020

Agenda

- Rule Revisions
- Automation
- Procedural Changes
- Additional Items



Rules

Rules are the foundation for all that we do with certification. In order to lay the foundation for flexibility and automation, we must first change rules. Thirty-seven rule changes became effective January 1, 2020 opening the door to exciting possibilities.

July 1, 2020 will complete the most important revisions in our effort to make impactful changes that will assist LUAs in recruiting and retaining educators and allow automation that will reduce the workload.

January 1, 2020 Rule Changes

- Eliminated Certificate of Eligibility (COE)
- Out-of-State experience exemption changed to five years of successful experience from the most recent five years to five years at any time in a educator's career
- One-Year Induction or One-Year Non-Renewable may be requested if an individual has not passed the content or edTPA assessments
- Induction Pathway 4 title changed to Provisional and requirements for teaching and service field Provisional aligned

January 1, 2020 Rule Changes

- Aligned validity period of Induction and Professional certificate titles:
 - Five year validity = all requirements met
 - Three year validity = teaching out of field
 - One-year validity = need assessments
- Educators holding an Induction certificate may upgrade by completion of a GaPSC-approved program in Curriculum and Instruction, Instructional Technology, and Teacher Leadership.

New Certificate Codes

New:

I1 – One-Year Induction

I3 – Three-Year Induction

I5 – Five-Year Induction

B – Provisional

N1 – One-Year Non-Renewable

N3 – Three-Year Non-Renewable

Previous:

IN1 – Induction Pathway 1

IN2 – Induction Pathway 2

IN3 – Induction Pathway 3

SI – Supplemental Induction

IN4 – Induction Pathway 4

N – Non-Renewable Professional

Upcoming Rule Changes – Effective July 1, 2020

Permit - This rule is being amended to require a passing score on the Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Exit Assessment prior to issuance, and revise the validity of the Permit to five years once initial requirements are met for the extension.

International Exchange - This rule is being amended to require a passing score on the Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Exit Assessment prior to issuance.

Upcoming Rule Changes – Effective July 1, 2020

Teaching Fields - Rules 505-2-.54 through 505-2-.136 will be RESCINDED and Rule 505-2-.57 INITIATED to establish one rule that will consolidate all sixty-six individual teaching field rules to reduce unnecessary duplication.

Educational Leadership - This rule is being initiated to require a passing score on the Ethics for Educational Leadership Assessment – Program Exit Assessment prior to issuance of the professional certificate by reciprocity, and allow for a one-year Non-Renewable certificate for educators applying by reciprocity rather than issuing the professional certificate so the testing requirements align with teaching and service field rules.

Imagine

Imagine a **world** where educators complete affirmation questions through MyPSC once a year for the school year eliminating the need for completion of applications that must be uploaded through Expresslane.

A **world** where the elimination of duplication in rules and procedures allow for efficient automation.

A **world** where we can concentrate on supporting educators.

A **world** where GaPSC is bringing possibilities to life.

Procedural Changes

- Affirmation questions
- Email process
- Webinars



Affirmation Questions

- Valid for the academic school year during which the affirmation questions are answered. Expires June 30 and must be resubmitted after that date.
- Will allow for automation of certain certification transactions
- ExpressLane must still be utilized by the LUA to request a transaction



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Personal Affirmations

Date Last Verified : 2/6/2020

Click "Edit" button to modify your selections.

Edit

Personal Affirmations are used when you or your employer submit an application to the Professional Standards Commission during the current academic year. The applicant should enter a truthful "Yes" or "No" response to each of the questions below.

All questions must have a response in order for the application process to continue. "YES" responses automatically open an investigation and require an attached explanation along with any additional supporting documentation. **DO NOT include matters that the PSC has investigated or is currently investigating.** False statements made in this application will open an investigation and may result in a sanction, including revocation or denial of a certificate.

1. Have you ever had an adverse action (i.e. warning, reprimand, suspension, revocation, denial, voluntary surrender, disbarment) taken against a professional certificate, license or permit issued by an agency OTHER THAN the Georgia Professional Standards Commission? Y N
2. Are you currently the subject of an investigation involving a violation of a profession's laws, rules, standards or Code of Ethics by an agency OTHER THAN the Georgia Professional Standards Commission? Y N
3. Have you ever received a less than honorable discharge from any branch of the armed services? (If "yes", provide a copy of form DD214.) Y N
4. While under investigation, have you ever left an employment position (retired, resigned, been dismissed, terminated, non-renewed or otherwise)? Y N
5. Are you currently the subject of an investigation involving sexual misconduct or physical harm to a child? Y N
6. Are you the subject of a pending investigation involving a criminal act? Y N
7. For any felony or any crime involving moral turpitude, have you ever: Y N
 - Pled guilty;
 - Entered a plea of nolo contendere;
 - Been found guilty;
 - Pled guilty to a lesser offense;
 - Been granted first offender treatment without adjudication of guilt;
 - Participated in a pre-trial diversion program;
 - Been found not guilty by reason of insanity; or
 - Been placed under a court order whereby an adjudication or sentence was withheld?
8. Have you ever been convicted, or pled to a lesser offense for any sexual offense? Y N
9. Have you been convicted of a drug offense (felony or misdemeanor)? Y N

I affirm that all information is true and correct. By typing my name and re-entering my password below, I execute my electronic signature upon submitting this application, and I hereby give permission to the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (Commission) to obtain copies of any criminal or personnel reports relating to me which are held by any local, state or federal government agency or private entity. I authorize any such agency or entity to release those records to the Commission. This authorization is valid for 180 days from the date of submission of this application to the Commission.

Type your name in the text box here:

Type your MyPSC account password here and click the "Save" button below:



Welcome, Windy Fortenberry

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ExpressLane

Mary B Fortenberry has Personal Affirmations on file on MyPSC. You do NOT need to upload a signed application.

The following actions are possible for Mary B Fortenberry, CertID 1431176

- Submit documentation - this WILL NOT open a case
- Add Renewable Field

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The following information comes directly from our database and is current as of 2/10/2020 8:47:27 PM. If you have any questions or feel there are inaccuracies, please contact us as soon as possible by email at CertHelp@GAPSC.com. For questions concerning educator disciplinary matters, email ethics@gapsc.com

Documents received and on-file	
Date received	Description
2020-02-06	Certificate Copies
2020-02-06	MyPSC Online Application
2020-02-06	Personal Affirmation
2020-02-06	Personal Affirmation

Automation

- Renewal – Affirmation questions and ExpressLane request
- Clearance Certificate – Requires only an Electronic EAF for an educator issued an I5 or SR/PR certificate during the current academic year

Potential Future Automated Transactions:

- Induction Conversion
- SR to PR Conversion
- Initial Endorsement Issuance
- Adding New Fields

Email

January 1, 2020, mail@gapsc.com was replaced with a web email form available at <https://www.gapsc.com/Certification/EmailPSC.aspx>

Contact Certification

The Georgia Professional Standards Commission is here to help with many common questions and concerns. Your inquiry will be addressed as quickly as possible. If you need help with your MyPSC account or a related issue, please use the [MyPSC Assistance](#) contact form. Fields marked with an asterisk '*' are required.

Certification Guidance

First Name *

Last Name *

Email *

Phone

DOB

MyPSC / Certification ID

Don't know your MyPSC/Certification ID?
You can access at: [Certification ID Lookup](#).

Don't have a MyPSC/Certification ID?
Click [here](#) to create an account.

If you're not seeking certification or if there is another reason why a MyPSC/Certification ID does not apply to your inquiry, then please check the box below.

- I affirm I am a representative of a state/private agency, or otherwise not seeking certification and a MyPSC/Certification ID does not apply.*

To submit additional documentation to an existing case for review, please log into your [MyPSC account](#) and use the Applications link. When prompted for the transaction, please select "Submit documentation - this WILL NOT open a case."

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Subject:

Message:

I'm so glad I moved to Georgia, this Certification Division is exceptional!

Send

Reset

Webinars

- Due to the recent success of the certification transition webinars, we will begin offering webinars on certification topics
- Email your suggestions to certhelp@gapsc.com

Additional Items

- Health and PE Taskforce
- Reminders
- Guidance
- Outreach



Health And PE

- Task Force convened at the request of the GAHPERD
- First meeting held on January 22, 2020
- Recommendation: require a course in the Methods for Teaching Health & PE in addition to the GACE in order to add the field
- Currently researching options for the required course
- The proposal is currently under discussion; however, the effective date would be no sooner than July 1, 2021

Reminders

- Induction conversions may be submitted after May 1 and currently require an Experience Verification form reflecting three years of successful experience
- Anyone evaluated under TKES or LKES and receiving an ineffective or needs development rating on the TAPS or LAPS component must be reported to GaPSC. School systems and charter schools must also report unsatisfactory summative ratings for certificated personnel who are not evaluated under TKES or LKES. The deadline to report is June 30th.
- Make sure candidates being placed in your system for field experiences hold a Pre-Service Certificate

Guidance

- Guidance regarding the 1/1/20 rule changes and a recorded version of the recent webinars is now available in the Training Library at www.gapsc.org
- Guidance related to recent changes to MyPSC and ExpressLane has been emailed and we will send updated guidance as updates continue to be made

February

Thursday, February 27, 2020

March

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

Thursday, March 19, 2020

Thursday, March 26, 2020

April

Thursday, April 16, 2020

Thursday, April 23, 2020

Email cert_training@gapsc.com to be added to the email list for announcements and outreach information.



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