

Certification Update

Spring 2012



Georgia Professional Standards Commission

Protecting Georgia's Higher Standard of Learning



What is Certification up to now?

- Customer Service
- Simplifying Certification
- Early Care and Learning B-5
- Rules
- Policy Reminders



Customer Service

- HR Line
- Certification Helpdesk email for school system, RESAs and college personnel certhelp@gapsc.com
- mail@gapsc.com for general public
- Counseling Center changes to call queues





HR Hotline

404-492-5852 and 800-390-6698

- **Available to Georgia authorized School System and College Personnel**
- **Monday – Friday 7:00 am to 4:30 pm**
- **Dedicated local and long distance number with Voice Mail access**
- **Staffed by two Certification Evaluators**



HR Hotline Calls

Total Calls:

December	94
January	212
February	249

**Over 40% of calls related to Upgrading,
Leadership, and Reciprocity**



General Public Calls

Total Calls:

December 3185

January 5902

February 5321



Regional Assignments

- **Staff Assigned to RESAs, LEAs and IHEs**
- **Individualized Assistance**
- **Develop Partnerships**

RESA Assignments

Northwest GA RESA

Ashley Sanders

North GA RESA

Barbara Corbin

Pioneer RESA

Valerie Jenkins

Northeast GA RESA

Rachelle Brevil

West GA RESA

Kevin Bradley

Griffin RESA

Melanie Madison

Middle GA RESA

Kevin Bradley

Oconee RESA

Nicole DeLuca

CSRA RESA

Sheila Dodson

Chattahoochee-Flint RESA

Tramaine Harley

Heart of GA

Kelly Cato (KC)

First District RESA

Krystal Teague

Southwest GA RESA

Krystal Teague

Coastal Plains RESA

Caren Turner

Okefenokee RESA

Rose Wilson

Metro RESA

Atlanta City

Buford City

Clayton Co.

Cobb Co.

Decatur City

DeKalb Co.

Kelly Cato (KC)

Tisha Doggett

Sherry Smith

Lissa Johnson

Tisha Doggett

Reggie Winborne

Metro RESA

Douglas Co.

Forsyth Co.

Fulton Co.

Gwinnett Co.

Marietta City

Rockdale Co.

Nancy Smith

Sherry Smith

Kathy Otomewo

Nancy Smith

Tisha Doggett

Sherry Smith

College Processing Assignments

COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY	EVALUATOR
Agnes Scott College	Nancy Smith
Albany State University	Rose Wilson
Armstrong Atlantic State University	Lissa Johnson
Augusta State University	Krystal Teague
Berry College	Rachelle Brevil
Brenau University	Barbara Corbin
Brewton Parker College	Yolanda Thrash
Clarke Atlanta University	Melanie Madison
Clayton State University	Nicole Deluca
Columbus State University	Kelly Cato
Covenant College	Rachelle Brevil
Dalton State University	Valerie Jenkins
Emmanuel College	Kathy Smith
Emory University	Caren Turner
Fort Valley State University	Tramaine Harley
Gainesville State College	Tisha Doggett
Georgia College and State Univ.	Nicole Deluca
Georgia Southern University	Tramaine Harley
Georgia Southwest State University	Nancy Smith
Georgia State University	Sherry Smith
Gordon College	Tisha Doggett
Kennesaw State University	Caren Turner

College Processing Assignments

COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY	EVALUATOR
Lagrange College	Sheila Dodson
Macon State University	Kevin Bradley
Mercer University	Kevin Bradley
Middle Georgia College	Kelly Cato
North Georgia College and State Univ.	Valerie Jenkins
Oglethorpe University	Krystal Teague
Paine College	Sheila Dodson
Piedmont College	Ashley Sanders
Point University	Reggie Winborne
Reinhardt University	Lissa Johnson
SCAD	Yolanda Thrash
Shorter University	Sherry Smith
Spelman College	Melanie Madison
Thomas University	Reggie Winborne
Toccoa Falls College	Ashley Sanders
Truett-McConnell College	Valerie Jenkins
University of Georgia	Kathy Smith
State University of West Georgia	Yolanda Thrash
Valdosta State University	Rose Wilson
Wesleyan College	Nancy Smith
Young Harris College	Barbara Corbin



Training and Outreach

- **January 2012** Smaller training sessions in distance learning formats covered topics from understanding gapsc.org and Expresslane to Application procedures
- **February 2012** Customized training at RESAs or LEAs: Fulton County, DeKalb County, Clayton County and Cobb County
- **Spring 2012** is our Cert 201 training held at Fayette County, Houston County, Coffee County, Richmond County and Forsyth County



Outreach Staff

- **Two staff dedicated to training and outreach:**



**Certification Outreach
Education Coordinator and**



**Certification Outreach
Education Specialist**



Simplifying Certification

- New Leadership Level on certificates
- Upgrade Advisor
- Rule Review and Revisions

Leadership Level identifying HB455/923



GEORGIA EDUCATOR CERTIFICATE

Georgia Professional Standards Commission

Two Peachtree Street, Suite 6000

Atlanta, GA 30303

The Georgia Professional Standards Commission affirms that this individual has met the requirements for a Georgia Educator Certificate as indicated.

[Redacted Name]
[Redacted Address]
[Redacted City/State/Zip]



Certificate Number	Date Printed
[Redacted]	2/2/2012
Certificate Level	Effective Date
5	12/13/2008
Leadership Level	Effective Date
6	12/10/2011

This certificate contains two levels, a general level and a leadership level, to clearly define leadership levels according to HB 455/923 guidelines. The placement of the leadership level on this certificate indicates that the educator must be in a leadership position to receive the leadership level salary.

Title/Type	Field	Validity Period
T	SP ED SOCIAL SCIENCE COGNITIVE LEVEL (P-5) [FLD940]	07/01/11 TO 06/30/16
T	SP ED SCIENCE COGNITIVE LEVEL (P-5) [FLD920]	07/01/11 TO 06/30/16
T	SP ED READING COGNITIVE LEVEL (P-5) [FLD950]	07/01/11 TO 06/30/16
T	SP ED MATH COGNITIVE LEVEL (P-5) [FLD910]	07/01/11 TO 06/30/16
T	SP ED LANGUAGE ARTS COGNITIVE LEVEL (P-5) [FLD930]	07/01/11 TO 06/30/16
T	SPECIAL EDUCATION GENERAL CURRICULUM / EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (P-5) [FLD708]	07/01/11 TO 06/30/16
T	READING ENDORSEMENT [FLD833]	07/01/11 TO 06/30/16
T	GIFTED IN-FIELD [FLD881]	07/01/11 TO 06/30/16

Clear Renewable certificates are issued to eligible individuals who have met all requirements for professional certification. Refer to Rule 505-2-.03 for information on Clear Renewable certificates. Clear Renewable certificates may be renewed by earning 6 semester hours of acceptable college credit or 10 Georgia Professional Learning Units (PLUs) or 10 approved Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and completion of a criminal record check. Refer to Rule 505-20.24 for information on renewal requirements.

PL	EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP BUILDING-LEVEL (P-12) [FLD706]	12/10/11 TO 06/30/16
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Performance-based certificates may be renewed by earning 6 semester hours of college course work or 10 credits of Georgia Professional Learning Units (PLUs) or 10 credits of acceptable continuing Education Units and completion of a criminal record check. Refer to Rule 505-2-.24 for information on renewable requirements. For performance-based Leadership certificates, employment at the building-level requires holding certification in Educational Leadership Building-Level (P-12) Field 706. Employment at the system-level requires holding certification in Educational Leadership System-Level (P-12) Field 707. Employment as a superintendent requires certification in both Educational Leadership Building-Level (P-12) Field 706 and Educational Leadership System-Level (P-12) Field 707.





Certification Rules Committee

- Educational Interpreter License
- Glossary and Definitions Document
- New Testing Rule
- Revisions to Rules

Examples of Rule Revisions



- Service fields – missing requirements for Non-Renewable Non-Professional certification in several rules
- Permit – remove Educational Leadership for Building Principal, outline requirements for Superintendent conversion, and reduce the length of time to convert a teaching field
- Review all rules to simplify and clarify language
- Leadership Rule - define Georgia Educator

GaPSC and DECAL



- In 2010, the GaPSC partnered with Bright from the Start: Department of Early Care and Learning to create the Professional Development Registry (PDR) identifying Career Levels based on education, training and experience.
- The PDR allows early care and education professionals B-5 to track training, certification, and educational achievements.
- The PDR creates a profile that every early care professional can use for job applications and career planning while providing the required documentation of current status to meet certification requirements.

Early Care and Learning Requirements



- Effective 12/1/12, all teachers / lead caregivers must possess a minimum set of academic requirements and qualifying experience
- Pre-K Lead teachers must have a minimum PDR Career Level 8
- Pre-K Assistant Teachers must have a minimum PDR Career Level 4

Early Care and Learning License Task Force



- Development of a Early Care and Learning License as an option for meeting the new requirements for teacher/lead caregivers B-5
- GACE assessment
- New license an option to current requirements of a CDA, TCC, or TCD

Rule and Policy Reminders

- Non-Renewable Non-Professional vs. Non-Renewable Professional Certificate
- Clearance Certificate
- Testing





Non-Renewable Teaching Certificates

- Non-Renewable Professional (NT) certificates are issued to educators who qualify for professional certification but are missing Special Georgia Requirements (3 year validity) or Renewal Credit (1 year validity)
- Non-Renewable Non-Professional (NNT, NT* or BT) are issued to educators who meet minimum education and assessment requirements but are required to complete a state-approved educator preparation program and student teaching for professional Clear Renewable certification (3 year validity or 5 year validity if issued prior to 7/15/10)

Clearance Certificate



- The Clearance (C) certificate verifies that an educator employed in a Georgia school has successfully completed the fingerprint and criminal background check requirements
- No academic requirements necessary to qualify
- Originally created for charter, waiver and IE2 schools that may not require their educators to hold certification
- All holders of a Clearance certificate are subject to the Georgia Code of Ethics for Educators



Out-of-State Testing

Effective 10/15/11 **Georgia certified** educators cannot add new fields by providing out-of-state tests and certificates. The GACE assessment must be taken and passed to add the new fields.

➤ Example: Jane holds a Clear Renewable GA certificate in English(6-12) and wants to add Mathematics(6-12). She already has a valid out-of-state certificate in English from Alabama and takes the Praxis Mathematics test November 09, 2011 to add it her to existing Alabama certificate. She then applies to the GaPSC requesting to add the field of Mathematics. Will the GaPSC add the field?



Out-of-State Testing

Answer: No. Jane must take the GACE Mathematics test to add this new field.

There is only **one exception** to this rule. If the GA certified educator has an out-of-state certificate with additional fields added before 10/15/11 and did not request the GaPSC to add these fields at the time of application, they can submit the certificate and content tests to request to add the new fields.



Out-of-State Testing

- Out-of-state (OOS) content area tests are acceptable with OOS professional certificates for initial certification only.
- Holding a National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) certificate in a specific field can exempt the content area assessment for initial certification only.
 - NBPTS Exception: Middle Grades Generalist does not exempt an educator from the MG assessment



RULE 505-2.41

Certificate Upgrades



Upgrade Rule Changes

Previously...

Accredited Institution
+
Advanced Degree
=
Certificate Upgrade and Salary Increase

Now...

Institutions must be GaPSC-accepted
(NCATE, TEAC, Carnegie Classification RU/H or RU/VH) or GaPSC-approved
+
Educator must hold a Clear Renewable certificate at a level 4 or higher
+
Degree must be in a field of certification held or in a new field of certification
=
Certificate Upgrade and Salary Increase



Certificate Upgrade Qualifications

- Clear Renewable certificates at a level 4 or higher
- Teaching, Leadership, Service, and Trade and Industrial certificates

Certificates that do not qualify for an upgrade:

- Non-Renewable
- International Exchange
- GaTAPP-related certificates
- Paraprofessional
- Instructional Aide
- Permit
- Support Personnel License
- Adjunct License
- Clearance Certificate



Not an Upgrade!

- An initial certification program does not lead to an upgrade
- Initial certification program can be completed at any degree level
 - Program must be state-approved
 - Institution must be accredited
- Institution does not need to meet the institutional requirements of the upgrade rule.



Certificate Level Upgrade Options

Option 1: In-Field

Completion of an advanced degree program in a certification field held by the educator

- Only reviewed and approved in-field degree majors are acceptable
- Institution attended must be GaPSC acceptable



Certificate Level Upgrade Options

Option 2: New Field

- Completion of an advanced degree program in a new certification field
- Institution attended must be GaPSC acceptable
- Program must be state-approved to lead to initial certification
- GACE content assessment must be passed
- New field must be added to certificate to qualify for the upgrade



New Field Approved Programs

CAUTION!

Do not use the institutional chart on our website to determine whether or not a program is state-approved. That chart only lists accreditations such as regional accreditation, NCATE/TEAC accreditation and Carnegie Classifications for upgrade purposes. There is a separate chart on our website with contact information for state-approval authorities in each state.



New Field Approved Programs

Do NOT use this chart to determine “state-approval” status for a program

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School Name	STATE	NCATE	TEAC	RU/H	RU/H	LINK TO THE SITE	PSC APPROVED
ALABAMA							
Alabama A&M University	AL	YES	NO	NO	NO	www.aamu.edu/	
Alabama State University	AL	YES	NO	NO	NO	www.alasu.edu/	
American Sentinel University	AL	NO	NO	NO	NO	www.americasentinel.edu/	
Armstrong University	AL	NO	NO	NO	NO	www.armstronguniversity.edu/	
Andrew Jackson University	AL	NO	NO	NO	NO	www.aju.edu/	
Athens State University	AL	YES	NO	NO	NO	www.athens.edu/	
Auburn University	AL	YES	NO	NO	YES	www.auburn.edu/	
Auburn University Montgomery	AL	YES	NO	NO	NO	http://www.aum.edu/	
Birmingham-Southern College	AL	YES	NO	NO	NO	http://www.bsc.edu/	
Columbia Southern University	AL	NO	NO	NO	NO	www.columbiasouthern.edu/	
Faulkner University	AL	YES	NO	NO	NO	http://www.faulkner.edu/	
Huntingdon College	AL	NO	NO	NO	NO	www.huntingdon.edu/	
Jacksonville State University	AL	YES	NO	NO	NO	http://www.jsu.edu/	
Judson College	AL	NO	NO	NO	NO	http://www.judson.edu/	
Miles College	AL	YES	NO	NO	NO	http://www.miles.edu/	
Oakwood University	AL	YES	NO	NO	NO	http://www.oakwood.edu/	
Samford University	AL	YES	NO	NO	NO	http://www.samford.edu/	
Spring Hill College	AL	NO	NO	NO	NO	www.shc.edu/	
Stillman College	AL	YES	NO	NO	NO	http://www.stillman.edu/	
Talladega College	AL	NO	NO	NO	NO	http://www.talladega.edu/	
Troy University	AL	YES	NO	NO	NO	http://www.troy.edu/	
Tuskegee University	AL	YES	NO	NO	NO	http://www.tuskegee.edu/	
United States Sports Academy	AL	NO	NO	NO	NO	http://www.usssa.edu/	
University of Alabama	AL	YES	NO	NO	YES	http://www.ua.edu/	
University of Alabama at Birmingham	AL	YES	NO	YES	NO	http://www.uab.edu/	
University of Alabama in Huntsville	AL	YES	NO	YES	NO	www.uah.edu/	
University of Mobile	AL	NO	NO	NO	NO	www.umobile.edu/	
University of Montevallo	AL	YES	NO	NO	NO	http://www.montevallo.edu/	
University of North Alabama	AL	YES	NO	NO	NO	http://www.una.edu/	
University of South Alabama	AL	YES	NO	NO	YES	http://www.southalabama.edu/	
University of West Alabama	AL	YES	NO	NO	NO	www.uwa.edu/	
ALASKA							
Alaska Pacific University	AK	YES	NO	NO	NO	http://www.alaskapacific.edu/	
University of Alaska Anchorage	AK	YES	NO	NO	NO	http://www.alaskapacific.edu/	
University of Alaska Fairbanks	AK	YES	NO	NO	YES	http://www.uaf.edu/	
University of Alaska Southeast	AK	YES	NO	NO	NO	http://www.uas.alaska.edu/	

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Chart for Contacts for State-Approved Programs

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Contacts for State-approved Programs from Other States

STATE	CONTACT NUMBER
<u>ALABAMA</u>	334-353-8567
<u>ALASKA</u>	907-465-2831
<u>ARIZONA</u>	602-364-2242
<u>ARKANSAS</u>	501-682-5535
<u>CALIFORNIA</u>	888-921-2682
<u>COLORADO</u>	303-866-6600
<u>CONNECTICUT</u>	860-713-6543
<u>DELAWARE</u>	302-735-4000
<u>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA</u>	202-741-5218
<u>FLORIDA</u>	850-245-0505
<u>GEORGIA</u>	404-232-2500
<u>HAWAII</u>	808-586-2600
<u>IDAHO</u>	208-332-6882
<u>ILLINOIS</u>	217-782-4321
<u>INDIANA</u>	317-232-9010
<u>IOWA</u>	515-281-3245

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Voluntary Deletion of a Certification Field

- **Effective 10/15/11, requests for voluntary deletion of any field that results in an upgrade will also result in the loss of the level associated with the field**
- **The new level assigned will be determined by the rule(s) in effect at the time the previous level was awarded**



Grandfathering Requirements

- Institution must be accredited (any major is acceptable)
- Enrolled and actively taking classes on or prior to 7/15/11
 - Enrolled is defined as admitted to a program and actively completing coursework.
- Completion of degree by:
 - Master's degree completed by December 15, 2014
 - Educational Specialist degree completed by December 15, 2014
 - Doctoral degree completed by December 15, 2016

Grandfathering Provision:

If the above requirements are met, the educator is eligible for a certificate level upgrade and typically a salary increase.



Extended Grandfathering Period

Three new certification fields are being developed in Georgia:

- Curriculum and Instruction
- Instructional Technology
- Teacher Leadership

Extended grandfathering dates:

- Enrolled and actively taking classes by 1/15/13
- Completion of Masters or Specialist degree by 9/1/15
- Completion of Doctoral degree by 9/1/17

Grandfathering Provision:

If the above requirements are met, the educator is eligible for a certificate upgrade and typically a salary increase.



Adding a New Field

505-2-.208 Instructional Technology (Rule Effective 10/15/11)

505-2-.209 Teacher Leadership (Rule Effective 10/15/11)

505-2-.210 Curriculum and Instruction (Rule Effective 1/15/12)

- Upgrading a certificate based on completion of one of these degrees is not the same as completing an approved program to add an additional field.
- Completion of a degree in one of the 3 new fields does not automatically qualify an educator to add the field



Three New Fields of Certification

- ☐ Curriculum and Instruction
 - ☐ Teacher Leadership
 - ☐ Instructional Technology
-
- State-approved certification programs are currently being developed
 - Programs may begin to enroll educators in the fall of 2013
 - GACE assessments will be required to add the certificate field (not yet developed)
 - All 3 fields will be Service Fields at a level 5 or higher
 - A state-approved program and completion of the GACE assessment(s) will be required to add the new field(s)



Questions About Upgrades

- Does a Teaching and Learning degree qualify for the extended grandfathering period?
- Are the out-of-state institutions advertising degrees that meet Georgia's grandfathering criteria legitimate?
- If I get the upgrade on my certificate, will I get paid for my advanced degree if I am not working in the field of my degree?
- Are the GaPSC upgrade institution requirements the same as the institution requirements for initial certification?
- My degree is not on the GaPSC infield matrix, but I know the degree will help me in my classroom, will GaPSC accept my degree for a certificate upgrade?



Right Now...

- CURC has finalized the criteria used to determine infield degrees
- Infield degrees are slowly broadening
- Majority of educators enrolling in advanced degree programs are selecting:
 - Curriculum and Instruction
 - Instructional Technology
 - Teacher Leadership
- Once Georgia institutions become approved for the 3 new fields they will review degrees that were previously completed and either outline additional requirements or recommend for the new field



GaPSC Support for Upgrades?

- Collaboration with public and private IHEs
- Establishment of Certification Upgrade Review Committee (CURC)
- Formalizing criteria for infield upgrade decisions
- Reviewing and updating guidance documents to provide continued support
- Creating new support tools on web



Current Guidance Resources Available

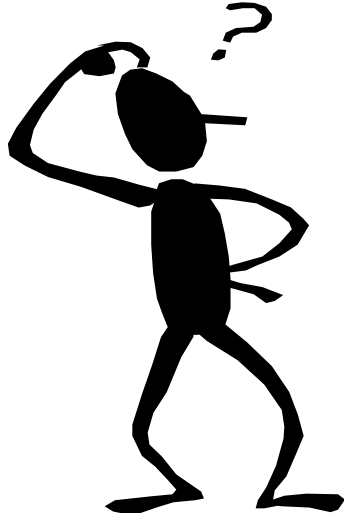
- Infield matrix
- Reviewed institutions listed by school name and by the state
- Upgrade Web Advisor

Please email all upgrade questions to:

Certupgrade@gapsc.com

Please include:

- Certificate ID
- Institution name
- Degree major
- Website link



WHAT ARE YOUR QUESTIONS ?

Information Systems Update

Spring 2012



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Web-based Upgrade Advisor

Certification Upgrade Advisor

- Uses information about GaPSC approved programs to advise about “new field” upgrades
- Provides advice about degrees offered by eligible institutions that support “in-field” upgrades



Upgrade Advisor

Sources of information...

For New Field Upgrade – GaPSC database of approved initial certification programs at the Master's degree level and above

For In-field Upgrade – GaPSC database of accepted advanced degree programs, list of USG degree programs, and degrees submitted to GaPSC by institutions for possible inclusion in the Advisor. Degrees are vetted and aligned to certification fields by GaPSC Certificate Upgrade Review Committee



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- We no longer accept "walk-in" visitors.
- Our Call Center is closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

We can still help you!

- Use your [MyPSC](#) account to track the progress of your application and print your certificate.
- Our Call Center (404) 232-2680 or (800) 869-7775 is open from 7:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday except for state holidays.
- Email us at mail@gapsc.com

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Certificate Upgrades

Certificate Upgrades Advisor

Our [Certificate Upgrades Advisor](#) can help educators find advanced degree programs closely aligned with their current fields of certification or find degree programs leading to a new field of certification while also earning a higher degree. Only institutions and programs meeting specified levels of accreditation, state approval, or other quality assurances are included. All institutions and advanced degrees leading to certificate level upgrades must meet the same level of quality as GaPSC approved institutions and programs: NCATE / TEAC / Carnegie Classification / Program quality. Click [here](#) to access the tool.

Policy/Guidelines

- [Rule 505-2-.41 Educator Certificate Upgrades](#), effective Dec 15, 2010
- [Guidance Document for Educator \(PDF 525Kb\)](#) -- *updated 2/22/2012*

**Certificate Upgrades
Advisor**

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Upgrade Advisor

Two Modes...

- **“Logged In”**
 - Educator uses MyPSC account to log in
 - Educator’s *current* certification record is used to provide up-to-date information
 - Educator has option to save the advice to certification record
- **“Quick View”**
 - Anonymous
 - Good for exploring
 - Best for school district HR people to use



Certificate Upgrade Advisor

Do you currently hold a certificate that can be upgraded?

Only a Clear Renewable Teaching, Service, Leadership or Trade and Industrial certificate at a level 4 (or higher) can be upgraded by earning an advanced degree. If you hold a Non-Renewable, International Exchange, GaTAPP, Paraprofessional, Instructional Aid, Permit, Support Personnel License or Adjunct License, you do not qualify for a certificate upgrade and the Advisor will not be able to assist you. Some degrees will not lead to a certificate upgrade! To see what degree programs qualify you for an upgrade go to the new Educator Certificate Upgrades [Rule 505-2-.41](#). You may upgrade your certificate level by completing a degree program that matches one of your existing fields of certification, or by completing a degree program that prepares you for certification in a new field. If you choose to complete a new field upgrade please know you will be required to pass the appropriate GACE assessment(s). If you need advice on an institution inside or outside of Georgia that is not listed, please email certupgrade@GAPSC.com. Your email should include your PSC account number, the name of the institution, the name of the degree program, and a website address of a page that best describes the degree program.

What are Georgia certificate Levels?

GAPSC designates a numerical certificate level for selected degrees; the certificate level is one of several factors that determine an educator's placement on the GaDOE state salary schedule. Select the following link for Georgia's degree equivalency list
http://www.gapsc.com/Certification/Documents/cert_lvl_degrees.asp

Are you considering a degree program in the fields of Curriculum and Instruction, Instructional Technology, or Teacher Leadership?

STOP - read the [Upgrade Transition Plan for 3 New certificate Fields](#) (PDF 363Kb)

Login now! Use your MyPSC login credentials to access your advance degree options which could lead to a certificate upgrade. The advisor will determine your eligibility for an upgrade and help you find acceptable in-field and new field degrees. You will be able to identify degree(s) of interest and save your results to your certification file as a record of GaPSC's verification of eligibility. The verification will be valid for enrollment for up to one year. If you do not enroll in the degree program within one year login to the advisor and update your upgrade eligibility.

Login

Just browsing? Select the Quick View option for general certificate upgrade information. Since this option cannot access your current certification record, Quick View cannot determine your eligibility for an upgrade or give specific advice tailored to your certification. You will not be able to save Quick View search results.

Quick View



Upgrade Advisor – Quick View

- Select between upgrade options
 - In-field Upgrade
 - New Field Upgrade
- Select the degree/level to be pursued
- For in-field upgrade

Select a certificate field and see institutions offering a related degree at the desired degree/level
- For new field upgrade

Select a certificate field and see institutions offering initial certification at the desired degree/level



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Certificate Upgrade Advisor

Select a certificate upgrade option:

☒ In-field upgrade

☐ New field upgrade

In-field upgrade

This method will allow you to view general certificate upgrade information. Since this option cannot access your current certification record, Quick View cannot determine your eligibility for an upgrade or give specific advice tailored to your certification.

- Select the option from the **What degree level are you planning to upgrade to?** drop-down list.
- Select the option from the **What certification field do you currently hold?** drop-down list.
- Your results will be displayed in the below table showing if the alignment is allowed by **Yes** or **No**.

Note: You will not be able to save Quick View search results.

Select the degree level you plan to pursue: --Select a level--

Select a certification field you currently hold: --Select Cert Field--

Certificate Upgrade Advisor

Select a certificate upgrade option:

☒ In-field upgrade

☐ New field upgrade

In-field upgrade

This method will allow you to view general certificate upgrade information. Since this option cannot access your current certification record, Quick View cannot determine your eligibility for an upgrade or give specific advice tailored to your certification.

- Select the option from the **What degree level are you planning to upgrade to?** drop-down list.
- Select the option from the **What certification field do you currently hold?** drop-down list.
- Your results will be displayed in the below table showing if the alignment is allowed by **Yes** or **No**.


Note: You will not be able to save Quick View search results.

Select the degree level you plan to pursue:

Doctorate Degree or Equivalent (Level 7)

Select a certification field you currently hold:

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State	Institution	Degree	Allowed
GA	Kennesaw State University	Doctor of Education with a Major in Educational Leadership for Learning	YES 



Upgrade Advisor – Logged In

- Log in using MyPSC credentials
- Select between In-field and New Field Upgrade options
- For In-field Upgrade
 - Advisor displays all certificate fields & endorsements that can support an upgrade
 - Select a certificate field and see institutions offering a related degree at a degree/level higher than that currently held by the educator
- For New Field Upgrade
 - Select the degree/level to be pursued
 - Select a certificate field and see institutions offering initial certification at the desired degree/level
- Save degrees to a list; permanently save the list to Certification record





MyPSC and Online Correspondence



MyPSC and Online Correspondence

Today, on MyPSC a registered applicant/educator can...

- **See list of correspondence**
- **View a correspondence item as a PDF document and download, print, and email it.**

Click “View” to open a correspondence item as a PDF document

Correspondence

[Active](#) | [Archived](#)

Status	View	Name	Date Posted
	View	TS - FIRST/LEVEL 1	12/19/2010
	View	CLEAR RENEWABLE LETTER	8/28/2010
	View	CORE ACADEMIC CERTIFICATE LETTER	6/18/2010
	View	CORE ACADEMIC CERTIFICATE LETTER	3/16/2010
	View	CORRESPONDENCE OTHER ALL BLANK SPACES	2/11/2010
	View	CORE ACADEMIC CERTIFICATE LETTER	2/11/2010
	View	CORRESPONDENCE OTHER ALL BLANK SPACES	1/13/2010
	View	HOLD LETTER	1/6/2010

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Note: If you see a blank page, please follow the following steps. If you are still having problems, please contact the help desk.

- 1) Press function key F12
- 2) a. Go to "Tools" area
b. Choose "Internet Options"
c. Then choose "Advanced" tab
d. Under Advanced tab, check "Display content Advisor"
e. Under Security section, click "Content Advisor"
f. Click "Apply" button and "OK"

Upon completion of the first certificate, you may request an extension for a second 3-year term. You must continue the approved program affiliation with the institution (or the level-two equivalent) for the second 3-year term.

Done

Status	Action	Name	Date Posted
View		TS - FIRST/LEVEL 1	12/19/2010
View		CLEAR RENEWABLE LETTER	8/28/2010
View		CORE ACADEMIC CERTIFICATE LETTER	6/18/2010
View		CORE ACADEMIC CERTIFICATE LETTER	3/16/2010
View		CORRESPONDENCE OTHER ALL BLANK SPACES	2/11/2010

Click on the **Archived** link to view the correspondence that were mailed to the educators

The selected correspondence item opens in a new browser window



View Correspondence Online

Coming in mid-2012 to www.gapsc.org, authorized users at school systems will have the same capabilities as educators:

- View download and/or print correspondence
- Send selected correspondence to the operator's email address of record or to any other email address



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The following information comes directly from our database and is current as of 11/30/2011 3:02:34 PM . If you have any questions or feel there are inaccuracies, please contact us as soon as possible by email at CerHelp@GAPSC.com. For questions concerning educator disciplinary matters, email ethics@gapsc.com

SSN: [REDACTED]

Certification ID: **676215**

Exceptional Children Course: **NO**

Fields in ~~strikeout font~~ with a **RED** background have expired. If all fields have expired, the certificate has expired.

Type	Field	First Issued	Current Issued	Begin Validity	End Validity
SP	SUPPORT PERSONNEL LICENSE [FLD693]	03/31/2009	03/31/2009	03/01/2009	06/30/2014

The Support Personnel License may be renewed by the school system upon meeting the Individualized Development Plan (IDP) requirements for renewal, as specified by the system.

No cases have been opened or closed for this person

Documents received and on-file

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Date received	Description
11/23/2011	NTRS Application

No test results are on-file at this time.

The following correspondence has been sent...

Type	Date Sent
Letter to applicant	11/30/2011

Display another record

Last Modified 6/7/2010

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The following correspondence has been sent...	
Type	Date Sent
Letter to applicant	11/30/2011

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Date received	Description
11/23/2011	NTRS Application

No test results are on-file at this time.

The following correspondence has been created

Date created	Title		
11/30/2011	Renewal Advisement Letter	Email	View

Display another record

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Date created	Title	
11/30/2011	Renewal Advisement Letter	Email View



Email as PDF



**View, download as
PDF
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View Documentation Online

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- Applications
- Out of state certificates
- Transcripts
- Etc.



HiQ2



HiQ2

- **New reports**
 - **System Report**
 - **Building Report**
- **Online sign-off process (similar to AYP sign-off)**
 - **Principals sign-off on building between May 1st and June 30th**
 - **Superintendent signs-off on district between July 1st and August 30th.**



HiQ2 System Report

2012 System Report for

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		Non-HiQ FTE	Total FTE	HiQ Percentage
Systemwide		251.27	2416.08	89.6%
<input type="checkbox"/>	-- Non-Title I/Non-Charter	32.61	604.93	94.61%
<input type="checkbox"/>	-- Title I Schools	213.66	1774.17	87.96%
<input type="checkbox"/>	-- Charter Schools	5	36.98	86.48%
		Non-HiQ FTE	Total FTE	HiQ Percentage
Teacher				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Elementary	12.5	1323.78	99.06%
<input type="checkbox"/>	High	4.55	348.97	98.7%
<input type="checkbox"/>	Middle	6.22	314.83	98.02%
General Education				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Elementary	29.25	1443.92	97.97%
<input type="checkbox"/>	High	2.14	335.75	99.36%
<input type="checkbox"/>	Middle	6.66	315.23	97.89%
Special Education				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Elementary	4.75	84.86	94.4%
<input type="checkbox"/>	High	3.41	17.22	80.2%
<input type="checkbox"/>	Middle	1.06	15.1	92.98%
<input type="checkbox"/>	Elementary	170.5	354	51.84%
<input type="checkbox"/>	High	16	19	15.79%
<input type="checkbox"/>	Middle	41.5	55.5	25.23%



HiQ2 System Report (Cont)

Schoolwide	Non-HiQ FTE	Total FTE	HiQ Percentage	Non-HiQ Educators Without Any Certificate	Non-HiQ Educators Without Appropriate Test
	9	50.53	82.19%	0	0
	2	50.96	96.08%	0	0
	9	50.97	82.34%	1	0
	2	35.5	94.37%	0	0
	6	50	88%	1	0
	3	15	80%	1	0



HiQ2 Building Report

HiQ Report

Academic Year: 2012

School System: [REDACTED]

School Building: [REDACTED]

Non-HiQ FTE: 0.91 Total FTE: 55.62

HiQ Percentage: 98.36%

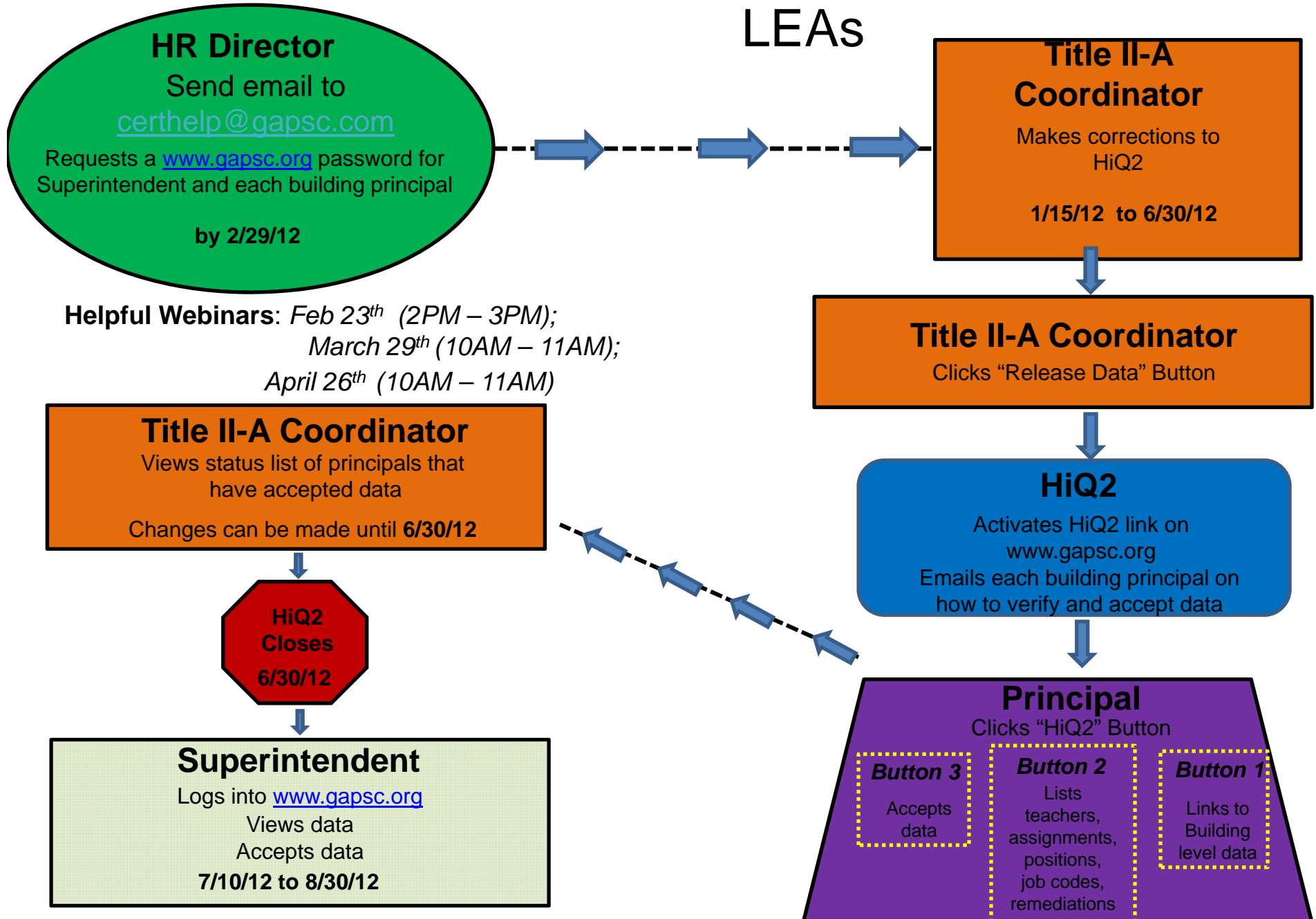
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	General Education			Special Education		
	Non-HiQ FTE	Total FTE	HiQ Percentage	Non-HiQ FTE	Total FTE	HiQ Percentage
Arts	0	2.99	100%	0.25	0.25	0%
Economics	0	6	100%	n/a	n/a	n/a
English Language Arts	0	11.32	100%	0	0.57	100%
Foreign Languages	0	7	100%	n/a	n/a	n/a
History	0	3	100%	0.33	0.74	55.41%
Mathematics	0	10.96	100%	0	0.32	100%
Science	0	11.66	100%	0.33	0.81	59.26%

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HiQ2 Verification Process for LEAs





RT3 and GaPSC Technology



RT3 and GaPSC Technology

Opportunity to significantly update...

- Educator Credentialing System
- Educator Preparation Information System

GaPSC is a participant in the Statewide Longitudinal Data System funded through RT3



RT3 Impact on Data Systems & Scope of Work

Educator Credentialing

- More data will be collected
- More complex rules = more need for human intervention?
- Better automation to maintain good turn-around time

Educator Preparation Information System

- More data will be collected
- Better data collection method to minimize burden on program providers
- Better reporting will be needed to utilize the data effectively

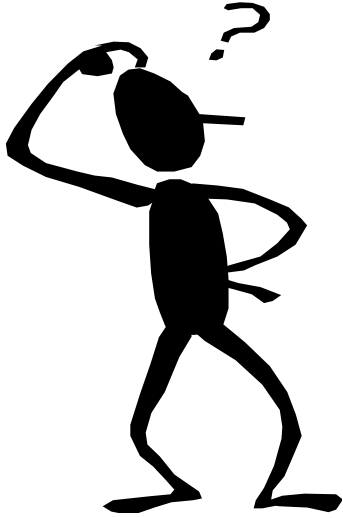


RT3 Initiative – GA AWARDS



This is **not** GaDOE's SLDS that integrates into your district's Student Information System.

This is a research database for use by Georgia's Educational Agencies.



WHAT ARE YOUR QUESTIONS ?



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