



Remodeling Certification

How Tiered Certification will Impact the Certification Structure

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Renewable

Non-Renewable

Clear Renewable

Intern (GATAPP) Non-Professional

Certification Classification

Current Structure

Current Classification



2 Categories

Renewable & Non-Renewable

13 Titles

Clear Renewable, Performance-Based, Non-Renewable (N, NN, NPL), ADAC, Core Academic, Clinical Practice, Intern, One-Year Supervised Practicum, International Exchange, Life and Waiver

11 Types

Teaching, Technical Specialist, Service, Leadership, Permit, Adjunct, Paraprofessional, Non-Instructional Aide, Support Personnel, Educational Interpreter and Clearance

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Pre-Service

Advanced

Professional

Induction

Lead

Certification Classification

Upcoming Structure

Upcoming Classification



2 Categories

Renewable & Non-Renewable

10 Titles

Pre-Service, Induction, Professional Standard, Professional Performance-Based, Advanced Professional, Lead Professional, Non-Renewable, International Exchange, Life and Waiver

10 Types

Teaching, Service, Leadership, Permit, Adjunct, Paraprofessional, Non-Instructional Aide, Support Personnel, Educational Interpreter and Clearance

2014



Major Changes

- All candidates will be required to hold a Pre-Service certificate prior to field experience and student teaching
- Certification will require employment
- The Clear Renewable certificate is being replaced by the Standard Professional certificate
- Performance-Based Professional certificates will be issued based on the state evaluation of student performance
- Approved Program completers and educators who are not employed will receive a Certificate of Eligibility
- HB671 will be required for renewal instead of initial certification
- Recency of Study will no longer be required

Did You Know...



**26 states do NOT
accept
out-of-state
assessments**

**17 states ACCEPT
out-of-state
assessments
based on a case-
by-case review or
out-of-state
experience**

**7 states do NOT
require
assessments from
out-of-state
educators**

Testing Changes



- Out of state content assessments will no longer be accepted by reciprocity
- GACE content assessments will have two passing scores: Induction and Professional
- The only content assessment exemption option is HB590
- Basic Skills assessment is now the Program Admission assessment

Pre-Service Certificate



Eligibility:

- Complete the GaPSC standards-based assessment of knowledge of the GA Code of Ethics for Educators
- Gain formal admission into the educator preparation program
- Georgia (GCIC) Criminal History (CH) Background Check (completed by campus police or other vendor)

Pre-Service Georgia (GCIC) Criminal History (CH) Background Check



- Educator Preparation Provider will review state criminal background checks
- The state criminal background check report and the GAPSC application for Pre-Service Certification must be submitted to GAPSC's Ethics Division for investigation if the report reflects felonies or misdemeanors involving moral turpitude
- GaPSC application for Pre-Service Certification must be submitted to the GaPSC Ethics Division for investigation if the educator selects "Yes " on one or more of the Personal Affirmation questions

Pre-Service Certificate



Validity and Renewal:

- Five year validity period
- A Pre-Service certificate may not be renewed; however, an Educator Preparation Program Provider may request an extended validity period

Non-transferable:

- Certificate must be invalidated upon dismissal or withdrawal
- Enrollment in a new institution results in a new five year Pre-Service certificate



Welcome, Cert Official

Quick Lookup

SSN

Certification ID

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1. You can contact us by email at certhelp@gapsc.com. We will respond within 24 hours.
2. You can contact us by telephone at our toll free Human Resources Hotline **800-390-6698**. The Hotline is open Monday thru Friday (excluding State holidays) from 7:00 to 4:30.

Please do not share the email address or hotline number with the general public.
Thank you and we look forward to assisting you!

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Certification Official/HR Personnel

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NOTE: A complete certification application signed by the applicant is required for ExpressLane cases

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I. Find or enter an applicant

Please enter the applicant's Social Security Number **OR** Certification ID

SSN **OR** Certification ID

II. Your current and/or recently completed transactions

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Certification Official/HR Personnel

Please check the following information and make any changes necessary. If you need to update the educator's information, you must click on the "SAVE CHANGES" button prior to requesting a Clearance certificate.

Title : (Mr,Mrs,Ms,etc.)

First Name (required):

Middle Name :

Last Name (required):

Suffix : (Jr,Sr,III,etc.)

Date of Birth (required): (mm/dd/yyyy)

Address Line 1 (required):

Address Line 2:

City (required):

State (required):

Zip Code (required):

Email Address (required):

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ExpressLane

The following actions are possible for Candidate's Name:

- Pre-Service Certificate
- Submit documentation - this WILL NOT open a case

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Certification Official/HR Personnel

Pre-Service

- Application:** Candidate's Name completed the GaPSC application for Pre-Service Certification Application and is on file at Institutions Name.

Personal Affirmations: Candidate's Name has responded to the personal affirmation questions on the Pre-Service Certificate Application and:

- Responded 'no' to all.
- Responded 'yes' to one or more.
- Confirmation:** I, Cert Official's Name, hereby acknowledge that my answers to the questions above are true and accurate. Willful and intentional misrepresentation could result in violation of state laws and/or the Educator Code of Ethics.



Certification Official/HR Personnel

Pre-Service

Ethics Assessment: Candidate's Name completed the GaPSC standards-based assessment of knowledge of the GA Code of Ethics for Educators.

Enrollment: Candidate's Name is formally enrolled in Institution Name's Approved Educator Preparation Program.

State Criminal Background Check: Institution Name has completed a state criminal background check for Candidate's Name. Institution Name has on file the completed state background check report which revealed:

- There were NO reportable problems identified on the state criminal background check
- There WERE reportable problems identified on the state criminal background check

Induction Certificate



REPLACES:

**GaTAPP certificates (Intern, Core-Academic, OYSP,
Clinical Practice) and
Non-Renewable Non-Professional**

- Requires employment
- Passing score on the GACE content assessment at the Induction level
- Requirements are based on four Pathways

Induction Certificate



Pathway 1: GaPSC-approved traditional education program completers

Pathway 2: GaPSC-accepted out-of-state program completers who complete field and clinical experiences in Georgia

Pathway 3: Out-of-state program completers with out-of-state field and clinical experiences; Out-of-state certified educators with less than three years of accepted full-time satisfactory experience; or Out-of-state certified educators who have not passed the GACE content assessment at the Professional level but passed at Induction level

Pathway 4: Educators meeting minimum requirements for employment while completing a state-approved program leading to initial certification

Induction Certificate



Pathways 1-3 require the following:

- GACE content assessment at the Induction level or Professional level
- GaPSC-approved content or portfolio-based pedagogy assessment
- Completion of a state-approved program or submission of a professional out-of-state certificate with less than three years of experience
- Employment by a local unit of administration

Induction Certificate



Pathway 4 requires:

- Program Admission assessment
- GACE content assessment at the Induction level or Professional level
- Employment by a local unit of administration
- GaPSC-approved content pedagogy assessment during the second full semester of the program

Induction Certificate



- Valid for three years if starting with 0 years of full-time teaching experience
- Valid from one to three years if entering induction with fewer than three years of out-of-state full-time teaching experience while holding a professional certificate, e.g., an educator with one year of full-time experience must complete two years of induction
- Valid for three years if educator qualifying by reciprocity is missing only the GACE content assessment and may be converted to professional certification upon completion of assessment requirement

Professional Certificate



Two Types:

**Standard and Performance-Based,
valid for five years and require:**

- Employment
- Professional Learning for renewal
- A passing score on the GACE content assessment at the Professional level

Professional Certificate



Standard Professional

- Issued to Georgia educators holding a valid, Clear Renewable certificate on July 1, 2014
- Issued to previously certified Georgia educators upon renewal
- Issued based on reciprocity if the out-of-state educator has 3 or more years of out-of-state, accepted full-time satisfactory teaching experience while holding a professional certificate and passing the GACE content assessment (or meet HB590 exemption)

Professional Certificate



Performance-Based Professional

Issued to employed Georgia educators evaluated by the statewide evaluation system and meeting the following:

- A minimum of two of three years of “Proficient” or “Exemplary” performance on the state annual summative performance evaluation while holding an Induction Certificate; or
- A minimum of four of five years of “Proficient” or “Exemplary” performance on the state annual summative performance evaluation while holding a Standard Professional Certificate

Professional Certificate



Professional Performance-Based continued...

- Satisfying Professional Learning requirements as outlined by the GaPSC
- System recommendation assuring the individual has met all Educator Preparation Program (EPP), state and local induction requirements
- For those holding an Induction certificate attained through Induction Pathway 4, a passing score on the GaPSC-approved content pedagogy assessment as determined by GaPSC during the second full semester of the program and completion of a GaPSC-approved educator preparation program

Certificate of Eligibility



- Program completers will be issued a Certificate of Eligibility if unemployed when program is completed
- Issued to educators eligible for the Professional certificate who are not employed by a local unit of administration
- Upon employment the educator will be issued the Standard Professional certificate
- Valid for 5 years

Advanced Professional Certificate



Eligibility:

- Hold a Georgia Clear Renewable and/or Professional certificate for a minimum of five consecutive years of successful teacher evaluations on district or state-approved instruments with no summative evaluation ratings below Satisfactory or Proficient level
- The most recent 2 years of experience must be in Georgia while holding a Clear Renewable or Professional certificate
- Receive “Exemplary” performance on the annual summative performance evaluation while holding a Georgia “Professional” certificate (The number of “Exemplary” will be determined when sufficient data on the distribution of ratings based on the statewide evaluation system is available)

Advanced Professional Certificate



The educator must also hold ONE of the following:

- An Advanced degree in any teaching field held by the educator
OR
- A valid Professional certificate in Curriculum and Instruction or Instructional Technology
OR
- A valid National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification

Lead Professional Certificate



Eligibility:

- Hold a Georgia Clear Renewable and/or Professional certificate for a minimum of five consecutive years of successful teacher evaluations on district or state-approved instruments with no summative evaluation ratings below Satisfactory or Proficient level
- The most recent 2 years of experience must be in Georgia while holding a Clear Renewable or Professional certificate

Lead Professional Certificate



The educator must also hold ONE of the following:

- Teacher Leadership certification, OR
- Curriculum and Instruction certificate, Instructional Technology certificate, an Advanced degree in any teaching field held by the educator beyond the initial preparation program, or a valid National Board certificate, AND
- Hold an endorsement in one of the following: Teacher Leadership, Coaching, or Teacher Support Specialist

In addition, the educator must pass the Teacher Leadership GACE assessment.

Certificate Title	Tentative Date
Pre-Service	August 1, 2014
Induction	July 1, 2015
Professional	July 1, 2014
Advanced Professional	TBD
Lead Professional	July 1 ,2015

Implementation

July 1, 2014

Before

Clear Renewable
certificate
5 year validity



After

Standard Professional
certificate
5 year validity

Grandfathering

Questions?



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