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Subject: From Dr. Joseph C. Barrow, Jr.: GaPSC Final Notice of Effective Rules

FINAL NOTICE

TO: Employers of Educators
Preparers of Educators
Other Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Professional Standards Commission Rule Rescission/Amendment/Adoption

On March 13, 2025, the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC) initiated the rulemaking process to **(1) amend** the current rules in Chapter 505-2- Certification, effective July 1, 2025, as follows: 505-2-.20, 505-2-.09, 505-2-.10, 505-2-.21, 505-2-.24, 505-2-.34, 505-2-.36, 505-2-.45, 505-2-.46, 505-2-.87, and 505-2-.90; **(2) repeal** the current rules in Chapter 505-2- Certification, effective July 1, 2025, as follows: 505-2-.04, 505-2-.22, 505-2-.26; **(3) adopt** the current rules in Chapter 505-2- Certification, effective July 1, 2025, as follows: 505-2-.04, 505-2-.22, 505-2-.26; **(4) amend** the current rules in Chapter 3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective July 1, 2025, as follows: 505-3-.01, 505-3-.76, and 505-3-.77.

On May 8, 2025, the Commission adopted the aforementioned rules, effective July 1, 2025.

These adopted rules may be downloaded in their entirety from the GaPSC website at <http://www.gapsc.com/Commission/Rules/home.aspx> by clicking on the titles of the rules. Presentation of rules in this format is permissible under O.C.G.A. § 50-13-2.

Certification

505-2-.04 INDUCTION CERTIFICATE

This newly adopted rule includes a change in testing providers resulting in new assessment titles and the addition of a new state-required literacy assessments in compliance with The Georgia Early Literacy Act (HB 538) of 2023, along with changes to both organize format and include information for clarity and consistency.

505-2-.05 PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE

This newly adopted rule includes a change in testing providers resulting in new assessment titles and the addition of the new state-required literacy assessments in compliance with The Georgia Early Literacy Act (HB 538) of 2023, along with changes to both organize format and include information for clarity and consistency.

505-2-.09 NON-RENEWABLE PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE

This newly adopted rule includes the addition of the new state-required literacy assessments in compliance with the Georgia Early Literacy Act (HB 538) of 2023 and changes to both organize format and include information for clarity and consistency.

505-2-.10 PERMIT

This newly adopted rule includes a change in testing providers resulting in new assessment titles and the addition of new state-required literacy assessments in compliance with The Georgia Early Literacy Act (HB 538) of 2023, updates an endorsement that may be added to a Permit, and changes to both organize format and include information for clarity and consistency.

505-2-.21 CERTIFICATION BY INTERSTATE RECIPROCITY

This newly adopted rule includes the requirement of the new state-required literacy assessments in compliance with The Georgia Early Literacy Act (HB 538) of 2023, and changes to both organize format, and includes information for clarity and consistency.

505-2-.22 CERTIFICATION BY STATE-APPROVED PROGRAM

This newly adopted includes the addition of a new state-required literacy assessments in compliance with The Georgia Early Literacy Act (HB 538) of 2023, and changes to both organize format and include information for clarity and consistency.

505-2-.24 SPECIAL GEORGIA REQUIREMENTS

This newly adopted rule includes a change in testing providers resulting in new assessment titles, the addition of a new state-required literacy assessments in compliance with The Georgia Early Literacy Act (HB 538) of 2023, removal of the test-in option for the fields of Middle Grades Reading 4-8 and Reading P-12, and changes to both organize format and include information for clarity and consistency.

505-2-.26 CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE ASSESSMENTS

This newly adopted rule includes a change in testing providers resulting in new assessment titles and the addition of the new state-required literacy assessments in compliance with The Georgia Early Literacy Act (HB 538) of 2023, along with changes to both organize format and include information for clarity and consistency.

505-2-.34 ADD A FIELD

This newly adopted rule includes a change in testing providers resulting in new assessment titles, the addition of the new state-required literacy assessments in compliance with The Georgia Early Literacy Act (HB 538) of 2023, removal of the test-in option for the fields of Middle Grades Reading 4-8 and Reading P-12, and changes to both organize format and include information for clarity and consistency. _

505-2-.36 RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS

This newly adopted rule includes accepting continuing education courses accredited by the International Dyslexia Association (IDA), as IDA training is accepted by the Georgia Department of Education to satisfy literacy training requirements of the Georgia Early Literacy Act (HB 538) of 2023.

505-2-.45 MONTESSORI CERTIFICATE

This newly adopted rule includes a change in testing providers resulting in new assessment titles and the addition of new state-required literacy assessments in compliance with The Georgia Early Literacy Act (HB 538) of 2023, along with changes to both organize format and include information for clarity and consistency.

505-2-.46 MILITARY SUPPORT CERTIFICATE

This newly adopted rule includes a change in testing providers resulting in new assessment titles and the addition of new state-required literacy assessments in compliance with The Georgia Early Literacy Act (HB 538) of 2023, along with changes to both organize format and include information for clarity and consistency.

505-2-.87 HEALTHCARE SCIENCE

This newly adopted rule includes a change in testing providers resulting in new assessment titles, the addition of the new state-required literacy assessments in compliance with The Georgia Early Literacy Act (HB 538) of 2023 changes, the option for certification based on an expired healthcare license in good standing, and to both organize format and include information for clarity and consistency. _

505-2-.90 CAREER AND TECHNICAL SPECIALIZATIONS

This newly adopted rule includes a change in testing providers resulting in new assessment titles, the addition of the new state-required literacy assessments in compliance with The Georgia Early Literacy Act (HB 538) of 2023 changes, the option for certification based on an expired industry license in good standing, and to both organize format and include information for clarity and consistency. _

Educator Preparation

505-3-.01 Requirements and Standards for Approving Educator Preparation Providers and Educator Preparation Programs

This newly adopted rule incorporates Literacy Assessment requirements and updates assessment requirements for the fields of Teacher Leadership and Educational Leadership Tier II. Additional, non-substantive changes were made for clarification.

505-3-.76 ALTERNATIVE PREPARATION FOR EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

This newly adopted rule revises assessment requirements for Educational Leadership Tier II programs and clarifies that a Level 5 certificate is required for admission to a Tier I program.

505-3-.77 EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

This newly adopted rule revises assessment requirements for Educational Leadership Tier II programs and clarifies that a Level 5 Certificate is required for admission to a Certification-only Tier I program.