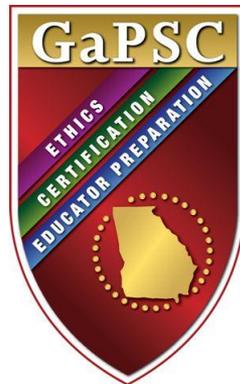


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Certification Overview for Georgia's Pre-K Program



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- Certification Definitions
- Certificate Types
- Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC) Application Procedures
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Certification Definitions

Certificate of Eligibility (COE)

Issued by the GaPSC at the completion of an educator-preparation program. The certificate of eligibility demonstrates to potential employers that an individual is qualified for certification. A COE is valid for five years.

Induction Certificate (IN)

Type of certificate issued to teachers with fewer than 3 years of experience within the last 5 years. The Induction certificate period, which generally lasts 3 years, is designed to ensure that early career teachers are fully prepared for the profession while providing opportunities for professional growth. Induction teachers must meet additional qualifications in order to qualify for a Professional certificate.

Georgia Assessment for the Certification of Educators (GACE)

GACE is Georgia's state-approved educator certification assessment.



Certification Definitions cont...

Local Unit of Administration (LUA)

A local education agency or a regional educational service agency, including but not limited to public, waiver, Investing in Educational Excellence (IE2), charter schools, and private schools (i.e., faith-based schools, early learning centers, hospitals, juvenile detention centers, etc.). State agencies and public and private institutions of higher education requiring certification for employment purposes are included in this definition. An early learning childcare center offering Georgia's Pre-K is also considered a LUA.

Verification of Lawful Presence (VLP) In order to obtain a Certificate/License from the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC), Georgia law requires every applicant to complete an affidavit before a Notary Public that establishes that the applicant is lawfully present in the United States of America. This affidavit is a material part of your GaPSC certification/licensure application and must be completed truthfully.



Certificate Types and Application Procedures



Completed an Educator Preparation Program in Georgia

Induction Pathway 1 (IN1)

- Applicant creates a MyPSC Account at www.gapsc.com
- From the MyPSC Account, complete and submit the GaPSC Initial Certification Application
- Present the COE to a LUA (employer)



An IN1 Teacher's application packet should contain the following :

- The Initial Certification Application
- Georgia PSC Approved Program Completion Form
- Verification of Lawful Presence documentation
- Official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended
- Verification of having met the following GACE Exams:
 - Program Admission Assessment
 - Content Assessment
 - Georgia Educator Ethics Assessment - Program Exit
 - edTPA, the Pedagogy Assessment (those who complete student teaching on or after September 1, 2015)
- Documentation supporting the completion of “Identifying and Educating Exceptional Children”



Completed an Educator Preparation Program outside of Georgia and met student teaching requirements in Georgia

Induction Pathway 2 (IN2)

- Applicant creates a MyPSC Account at www.gapsc.com
- From the MyPSC Account, complete and submit the GaPSC Initial Certification Application
- Present the COE to a LUA (employer)



An IN2 Teacher's application packet should contain the following :

- Initial Certification Application
- The Approved Program Completion form
- Verification of Lawful Presence documentation
- Official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended
- Verification of having met the following GACE Exams:
 - Content Assessment
 - Georgia Educator Ethics Assessment - Program Exit
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 - Documentation supporting the completion of “Identifying and Educating Exceptional Children”



Competed an Educator Preparation Program and student teaching outside of Georgia

Induction Pathway 3 (IN3)

- Applicant creates a MyPSC Account at www.gapsc.com
- From the MyPSC Account, complete and submit the GaPSC Initial Certification Application
- Present the COE to a LUA (employer)



An IN3 Teacher's application packet should contain the following:

- Initial Certification Application
- Out of State (OOS) Teaching Certificate or the Approved Program Completion form- completed by the college or university
- Verification of Lawful Presence documentation
- Official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended
- Content Exam- from the former state or passing scores from the GACE content exam



What's the next step after the COE?

❖ Teacher

- Secures a lead teacher position
- Applies for the appropriate Induction Certificate by submitting the **Certification Update Application**

❖ Director

- Receives the teacher's COE
- Completes the **Employer Assurance Form** and submits it to the GaPSC

The Induction Certificate is issued after the Certification Update Application and Employer Assurance are received. The Induction Certificate is valid for 3 years. Teachers can print it via their MyPSC account.



What happens after the Induction Certificate is issued?

- Work three years (within the last 5 years) as a lead Pre-K teacher
- Submit the following:
 - Certification Update Application
 - Experience Verification Form (completed by the employer)
 - Employer Assurance Form (if currently employed)
- The Professional Certificate is issued if employed
- COE is issued if not employed



Performance Based Professional vs. Standard Professional

- Performance Based Certificate: May be issued to teachers who have been evaluated at least two years on the statewide Teacher Keys Effectiveness System (TKES)
- The Standard Professional Certificate: May be issued to teachers who are not evaluated on the TKES
- Both the Performance Based and the Standard Professional are classified as Professional Certificates



Individuals who have not completed an Educator Preparation Program, but have a Bachelors Degree

Induction Pathway 4 (IN4)

- Applicant holds a bachelor's degree with an overall 2.5 GPA
- Creates a MyPSC account at www.gapsc.com
- Passes the required GACE exams
- Secures a Lead Pre-K teaching position



An IN4 Teacher's application packet should contain the following :

- Initial Certification Application
- Verification of Lawful Presence documentation
- Official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended
- Verification of having met the following GACE Exams:
 - Program Admission Assessment
 - Content Assessment
 - Georgia Educator Ethics Assessment - Program Entry
- Employer Assurance Form, completed by the Pre-K Project Director

COE is not issued to the IN4 applicant



What happens after the Induction Pathway 4 Certificate is issued?

- The Induction Pathway 4 Certificate is valid for 3 years.
- Complete an educator preparation program during the 3 year validity period.
- Work at least 3 years as a Lead Pre-K teacher during the validity period.
- Apply for the Professional Certificate by submitting the Certification Update Application



Renewal Process



Certificate Renewal

Steps to renew...

- Submit the Certification Update Application
- Submit Verification of Lawful Presence documents (if not submitted previously)
- Submit Employer Assurance Form



Additional Renewal Information

- ❖ If the certificate expired in 2010 or earlier, submit one of the following:
 - 6 semester hours of college course work
 - 10 GaPSC approved Continuing Education Units (CEUs)
 - 100 clock hours of Bright from the Start state approved training

Renewal credits must be earned within 5 years of the date of application



Submitting Documentation

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- *** Application status checks no longer provided via phone or email ***
- » We are currently processing complete application packages received on or before August 12, 2015.
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This Fiscal Year	(Since July 1, 2015)
Applications received	9,424
Educators newly certified	9,215
Certificate fields first issued	44,154
Educators renewed	1,320
Transactions completed	6,312

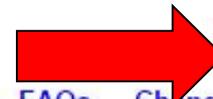
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Most Commonly Used Forms:

- [Initial Certification Application](#) (may also be completed through your [MyPSC](#) account);
- [Certification Update Application](#) (may also be completed through your [MyPSC](#) account);
- [Verification of Lawful Presence](#);
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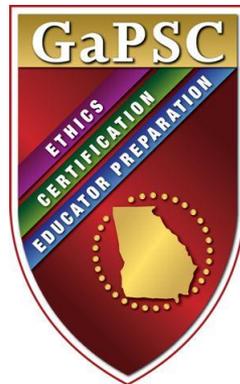
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