2014-2015
Educator Certification Changes

Quick Reference Guide
This guide is based on proposed GaPSC rules as of April 2014. Tiered Certification rules were implemented July 1, 2014.

Dates to Remember

January 1, 2015
Fall 14 admitted candidates must take the GA Educator Ethics Assessment by 1/1/15. A passing score will become a requirement for an Induction Certificate.

July 1, 2015
- Pre-service certificates will be issued by the Program Provider. This certificate will be required for field experiences and student teaching in Georgia public schools and public charter schools.
- Lead Professional certificate will be issued for the first time.

Spring 2014

Summer 2014

Fall 2014

Spring 2015

Summer 2015

Fall 2015

July 1, 2014
- Certificates of Eligibility will be issued by the Program Providers (university) for individuals not employed.
- Induction and Standard Professional certificates will be issued for the first time.
- All valid Clear Renewable certificates will be converted to Standard Professional on this date.
- Employment will become a requirement for initial certification and renewal if the educator has not taught for at least one year in Georgia during their career.
- Statewide evaluation systems TKES (Teacher Keys Effectiveness Systems) and LKES (Leader Keys Effectiveness Systems) will be implemented.

September 1, 2015
- A passing score on the GaPSC-approved EdTPA will become a requirement.
- The assessment will be administered during a candidate’s student teaching.

July 1, 2017
- Induction & Professional GACE passing rates will become effective.

TBD:
- After examining initial TKES data, “Exemplary” evaluation requirements will be determined for Advanced and Lead Professional certificates.