

## CONVERTING FROM A GA NON-RENEWABLE CERTIFICATE TO A FULL, CLEAR-RENEWABLE CERTIFICATE IN LATIN

### **Traditional method**

Once one possesses a non-renewable teaching certificate, one has five years in which to convert this to a full, clear-renewable certificate. In order to become fully certified, one must enroll in a university-sponsored program which offers certification in Latin. Currently, in Georgia, there are five colleges/universities which do so:

Georgia State University, Modern and Classical Languages Department.  
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6285, [http://www.agnesscott.edu/academics/p\\_departments.asp?id=9](http://www.agnesscott.edu/academics/p_departments.asp?id=9)

Mercer University (Macon), Foreign Languages and Literatures Department  
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<http://www.kennesaw.edu/foreignlanguage/documents/georgiaresponds.doc>

Every program is different in terms of its academics. Check with each individual school to see how its program is structured.

Once the program has been completed, one needs to apply for a full, clear renewable teaching certificate. One can download an application from the following URL:

<http://www.gapsc.com/TeacherCertification/CertificationFormsandApplications.asp>

You will send in:

- Personal Information Application
- Official Transcripts
- Assessment Score Reports (SAT/GRE scores, Praxis I and II scores)
- PSC Approved Program Recommendation Form (filled out by school stating that you have completed a state-approved educator program)
- Certification fees

**New Alternate Method (effective March 15, 2004)**

With the possibility of a teacher shortage in a few years, the GAPSC has approved a new “test-out” option towards getting full, clear renewable teaching certification. In order to qualify, one must fulfill the following:

- 1) **In the subject area(s) which one expects to teach, one must possess either a bachelor’s degree** (with a 2.5 GPA minimum) from an approved PSC–accepted, accredited college **or hold a master’s degree or higher**. In light of No Child Left Behind, one cannot teach out of field for a “minor part of the day”, i.e., if a teacher does not teach Latin full-time, he/she cannot supplement the position by teaching another subject area for part of the day unless he/she possesses a degree in that field.
- 2) **Pass Praxis I Exam** – measures reading, writing and mathematical skills
  - a) Register with ETS ([www.ets.org/praxis/index.html](http://www.ets.org/praxis/index.html))

**OR**

- b) Test out of Praxis I Exam based on SAT, ACT or GRE scores
    - SAT – minimum required score – 1000** (with no minimum verbal or math score required)
    - ACT – minimum required score – 43** (with no minimum English or math score required)
    - GRE – minimum required score – 1030** (with no minimum verbal or math score required)
- 3) **Pass the Praxis II Exam (Latin)** – this is the subject area exam. Covers questions on grammar, translation, reading comprehension, Roman culture and civilization, English words and derivatives, phrases, pedagogical and professional studies. See the following URL for more information: <ftp://ftp.ets.org/pub/tandl/0600.pdf>
  - a) Register with ETS ([www.ets.org/praxis/index.html](http://www.ets.org/praxis/index.html))

**A minimum score of 700 is needed to pass in Georgia.**

- 4) **Pass the Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) Test, Grades 7-12 (Praxis II subject area)** – this is the new “test-out” option which will allow one to bypass having to take coursework with the schools of education. The test consists of 12 short answer questions and 24 multiple-choice questions. The PLT appears to be quite exhaustive as it covers the entire spectrum of educational theory. See the following URL for more information: <ftp://ftp.ets.org/pub/tandl/0524.pdf>

Optional Study Guide: Principles of Learning and Teaching Study Guide, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition.  
Educational Testing Service, 2003. ISBN: 0886852625

a) Register with ETS ([www.ets.org/praxis/index.html](http://www.ets.org/praxis/index.html))

5) **Must be employed by a Georgia school system.**

6) **Must take part in a year-long, supervised practicum** – this will replace “student teaching”. The school itself can now sign off a new teacher (under the guide of a mentor teacher) as having fulfilled his/her student-teaching when the school feels that he/she has demonstrated competency. No longer will one have to go through the schools of education. The practicum must be initiated during the first year of teaching.

7) **Fulfill GA Special Requirements**

- **Special Education/Educational Children** – This covers the legal issues surrounding special education. Many times this class is offered within a school system as professional development

- **Technology Requirement** – With the passing of HB1187, all teachers by the year 2007 must have undergone 50 hours of technology instruction. School districts offer this class as professional development. The GAPSC now offers a free test-out option offered online.

See <http://www.gapsc.com/TeacherCertification/ComputerCompetency.asp>

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