

OBTAINING A GA PROVISIONAL TEACHING CERTIFICATE IN LATIN

Non-renewable (formerly called “provisional”) teaching certificates are given to those teachers who wish to teach in the Georgia public school system but do not yet possess full, clear-renewable certification. Non-renewable teaching certificates are good for only 5 years and are not renewable. In order to qualify in Georgia, one must fulfill the following requirements (as of 3/15/04):

- 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)

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)** – subject area exam. Covers questions on grammar, translation, reading comprehension, Roman culture and civilization, English words and derivatives, phrases, pedagogical and professional studies.
 - a) Register with ETS (www.ets.org/praxis/index.html)
A minimum score of 700 is needed to pass in Georgia.

- 4) **Be offered employment in a GA school system**

The GAPSC Application

After fulfilling the above requirements, one must apply with the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GAPSC) to obtain a non-renewable teaching certificate. **One must be offered employment first before applying, as it is the school system itself which will request the provisional teaching certificate.**

You can download the 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)

Certification fees

Employer will send in:

Employer Assurance Form (states that you are employed with a public school system)

Other

Experience Verification Form (verifies previous work experience if you were previously employed by another school)