Pathway 4 for Induction Certificate Period, which generally lasts 3 years

http://www.gapsc.com/Certification/TieredCertification/induction.aspx (accessed May 2016)

This pathway is for those individuals who are hired to begin teaching in a Georgia school before completing an educator preparation program. Qualifications include:

- A bachelor's degree or higher. If your highest degree is a bachelor's degree and it was earned less than 10 years prior to the date of application, you must have a minimum overall GPA of **2.5**. If you do not, you may still qualify by submitting proof of acceptance into a GaPSC-accepted educator preparation program;
- Passing score on the GACE Program Admission Assessment, or exemption. GACE scores are transmitted electronically to the GaPSC, but an exemption must be documented by an official score report for an eligible exam;
- Induction level or higher passing score on the appropriate GACE content assessment. These scores are transmitted electronically to the GaPSC;
- As of January 1, 2015, a passing score on the Georgia Educator Ethics Assessment Program Entry (Test Code 350). This score is also transmitted electronically to the GaPSC;
- In order to convert to any other Induction Pathway or a Professional certificate, you must complete all the requirements of a state-approved educator preparation program and all applicable Special Georgia Requirements. If you complete the student teaching or clinical practice component of your educator preparation program on or after September 1, 2015, a passing score on edTPA, the GaPSC-approved content pedagogy assessment will be required for conversion to any other Induction Pathway or a Professional certificate.

How to Apply

Once you meet the qualifications for an Induction certificate, please submit the following documents in addition to any documentation of specific requirements indicated above for your Induction Pathway.

- <u>Initial Certification Application</u> (.pdf) (<u>requires Adobe Reader</u>) may also be completed through your MyPSC account;
- Verification of Lawful Presence Documentation (.pdf) (requires Adobe Reader)
 - This affidavit must be completed and notarized. Please choose only one option on the affidavit;
 - You must attach a copy of an acceptable identification document to this form. Please see the instructions provided with the form for a list of acceptable documents;
 - o If you are a U.S. citizen and you have previously submitted this documentation to the GaPSC, you do not need to submit it again. If you are not a U.S. citizen and you have submitted this documentation to the GaPSC within 180 days, you do not need to submit it again at this time.
- Official transcripts from all colleges/universities you have attended
 - o These may not be faxed or uploaded. You may mail original official transcripts or have your college or university send them to mail@gapsc.com in a secure electronic format;
- Employer Assurance Form (.pdf) (requires Adobe Reader)
 - o This may be submitted electronically by your employer.

For more information about submitting your application and supporting documentation, please visit the <u>Application Forms and Procedures</u> page.