

2010 Georgia Legislation:

House Bill 1307 temporarily suspends the PLU requirement for certificate renewal from July 1, 2010-June 30, 2015. The bill states . . . “from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2015, no professional learning requirements shall be required for certificate renewal for clear renewable certificates for certificated personnel or for certificate renewal for paraprofessionals”.

New Certificate Renewal Requirements Summary

If my certificate expires on:	Are PLUs required to renew my certificate?	I understand that 10 PLUs must be earned within my next Certificate Renewal Period:
June 30, 2011	NO	July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2016
June 30, 2012	NO	July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2017
June 30, 2013	NO	July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2018
June 30, 2014	NO	July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2019
June 30, 2015	NO	July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2020

Guidance for renewal of clear renewable certificates for certificated personnel or for certificate renewal for paraprofessionals that expire between July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2015, is:

1. The Georgia Department of Education and the Georgia Professional Standards Commission recommend that districts continue **business as usual**. Both agencies recommend that districts continue to maintain records of Professional Learning Units (PLUs) for all educators they employ.
2. House Bill 1307 originated independently in the House of Representatives. The intent of the bill is to extend flexibility to individual educators who hold clear renewable certificates. The flexibility is intended to relieve educators of out-of-pocket expenses that are incurred when earning Professional Learning Units (PLUs). The bill provides a **temporary** suspension of the PLU requirement for certificate renewal. Other requirements for certificate renewal are still in effect.
3. It is important to note that once an educator recertifies during the years of the PLU suspension, the PLU requirement is immediately back in effect for that educator and educators must begin earning PLUs to recertify by the end of their next validity period.
4. PLUs used to renew must be earned **during** the validity period preceding the date of renewal application.