

TITLE 43. PROFESSIONS AND BUSINESSES
CHAPTER 24. LIBRARIANS

43-24-1. Definitions

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) "Board" means the State Board for the Certification of Librarians.

(2) "Librarian" means a person with specialized training as identified in this chapter and in the administrative rules and regulations applicable to this chapter and possessing the necessary training and qualifications to plan, organize, communicate, and administer successfully the use of the library's materials and services.

(3) "Library" means an organization providing services and informational materials in a variety of formatting, including, but not limited to, books, films, tapes, microforms, and periodicals and having no fewer than 3,000 items which have been selected, acquired, and organized for dissemination.

HISTORY: Ga. L. 1982, p. 1493, §§ 2, 5.

43-24-2. Creation of board; members

(a) The State Board for the Certification of Librarians is created, to consist of six persons as follows:

(1) Three librarians certified under this chapter, including one public librarian, one special librarian, and one other currently practicing librarian, and one person who shall be a trustee of a public library;

(2) A member to be appointed from the public at large who shall have no connection whatsoever with the library profession; and

(3) The director of public library services of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia.

(b) The members referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section shall be appointed by the Governor and shall be confirmed by the Senate.

(c) The terms of the five members appointed pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section shall be five years. The term of the director of public library services of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia shall be coextensive with the term of office of this position.

(d) Members of the board shall be reimbursed as provided for in subsection (f) of Code Section 43-1-2.

(e) If there is a vacancy on the board, the Governor shall appoint a member to serve the unexpired term.

HISTORY: Ga. L. 1937, p. 245, §§ 1, 2; Ga. L. 1978, p. 918, § 1; Ga. L. 1980, p. 1075, § 1; Ga. L. 1982, p. 1493, §§ 1, 6; Ga. L. 1987, p. 355, § 1; Ga. L. 1988, p. 13, § 43; Ga. L. 1996, p. 167, § 14; Ga. L. 2000, p. 618, § 95.

43-24-3. Division director as secretary of board

The same jurisdiction, duties, powers, and authority which the division director has with reference to other professional licensing boards is conferred upon that director with respect to the board.

HISTORY: Ga. L. 1937, p. 245, § 5; Ga. L. 2000, p. 1706, § 12.

43-24-4. Employment of certified librarians by state operated libraries; withholding public funds from noncomplying libraries

Any public library serving a political subdivision or subdivisions having a population of over 5,000 according to the United States decennial census 1970 or any future such census and every library operated by the state or its authority, including libraries of institutions of higher learning, shall not employ in the position of librarian a person who does not hold a librarian's certificate issued by the board. No public funds shall be paid to any library failing to comply with this chapter, provided that nothing in this chapter shall apply to law libraries of counties and municipalities, to libraries of public elementary and high schools, or to libraries of the University System of Georgia.

HISTORY: Ga. L. 1937, p. 245, § 4; Ga. L. 1982, p. 1493, §§ 3, 7.

43-24-5. Certification of librarians by board

The board shall have authority to establish grades of certificates for librarians, to prescribe and hold examinations, to require submission of credentials to establish the qualifications of those seeking certificates as librarians, and to issue certificates of librarianship to qualified persons in accordance with such rules and regulations as it may prescribe.

HISTORY: Ga. L. 1937, p. 245, § 3.

43-24-6. Application for certificate; fees; biennial renewal; duplicate certificate

(a) All applicants for a librarian's certificate shall file an application with the division director, accompanied by a fee which shall be set by the board.

(b) Each certificate issued shall be renewable biennially.

(c) Any certified librarian requesting a duplicate certificate shall be charged a fee as shall be set by the board.

HISTORY: Ga. L. 1937, p. 245, § 5; Ga. L. 1978, p. 918, § 2; Ga. L. 1980, p. 1075, § 1; Ga. L. 2000, p. 1706, § 19.

43-24-7. Continuing education requirements

(a) The board shall be authorized to require persons holding a certificate under this chapter to complete board approved continuing education of not less than ten hours biennially as a condition of certificate renewal. The board shall be authorized to approve programs offered by professional associations, educational institutions, government agencies, and bibliographic utilities, and others as it deems appropriate.

(b) The board shall be authorized to waive the continuing education requirement in cases of hardship, disability, or illness or under such other circumstances as the board deems appropriate.

(c) The board shall be authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to implement and ensure compliance with the requirements of this Code section.

(d) The board shall have the authority to appoint a committee or committees composed of certified librarians, as it deems appropriate, to administer, implement, and otherwise carry out the provisions of this chapter relating to continuing education. (Code 1981, § 43-24-7, enacted by Ga. L. 2001, p. 864, § 1.)

HISTORY: Code 1981, § 43-24-7, enacted by Ga. L. 2001, p. 864, § 1.

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