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Department 163 GEORGIA DRIVER'S EDUCATION COMMISSION

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ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

The **Administrative History** following each Rule gives the date on which the Rule was originally filed and its effective date, as well as the date on which any amendment or repeal was filed and its effective date. Principal abbreviations used in the Administrative History are as follows:

f. - filed

eff. - effective

R. - Rule (Abbreviated only at the beginning of the control number)

Ch. - Chapter (Abbreviated only at the beginning of the control number)

ER. - Emergency Rule

Rev. - Revised

Note: Emergency Rules are listed in each Rule's Administrative History by Emergency Rule number, date filed and effective date. The Emergency Rule will be in effect for 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding this Emergency Rule is adopted, as specified by the Agency.

Rule Chapter 163-1-1 entitled "General Regulations" has been adopted. Filed March 26, 2009; effective April 15, 2009.

Rules 163-1-1-.01, .02 amended. F. June 22, 2016; eff. July 12, 2016.

Grant Description 163-1-2 entitled "Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program", containing Grant Rule 163-1-2-.01, submitted March 27, 2019.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. dept. 163, ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

Chapter 163-1. .

Subject 163-1-1. GENERAL REGULATIONS.

Rule 163-1-1-.01. Organization. Amended.

(1) The Georgia Driver's Education Commission is composed of eight (8) members.

(2) Each member of the Georgia Driver's Education Commission shall serve for terms of four (4) years, except the members appointed prior to April 21, 2006, who shall serve the terms to which they were originally appointed.

(3) Members shall be appointed as provided in O.C.G.A. § 15-21-173, with one (1) member appointed by the State Board of Education, two (2) members appointed by the Department of Driver Services, and one (1) member appointed by the director of the Governor's Office of Highway Safety shall appoint one member of the commission. The remaining four members of the commission shall be appointed by the Governor, two of

whom shall be public school driver's education providers and the other two shall be private driver's education providers.

(4) In the event of death, resignation, disqualification, or removal for any reason of any member of the commission, the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment and the successor shall serve for the unexpired term.

(5) In the event a member's term expires prior to his or her successor being named, said member shall continue to serve until such time as a successor is named.

(6) The Governor shall designate a chairperson of the commission from among the members, which chairperson shall serve in that position at the pleasure of the Governor. The commission may elect such other officers and committees as it considers appropriate.

(7) The commission, with the approval of the Governor, may employ such professional, technical, or clerical personnel as deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of this article.

(8) The physical address of the Georgia Driver's Education Commission is 7 Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive, Suite 643, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

(9) The mailing address of the Georgia Driver's Education Commission is 7 Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive, Suite 643, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

(10) All legal notices and correspondence regarding any matter within the jurisdiction of the Georgia Driver's Education Commission should be directed one of the addresses set forth in this regulation.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 163-1-1-.01
Authority: O.C.G.A. § 15-21-175(a)(3).
History. Original Rule entitled "Organization" adopted. F. Mar. 26, 2009; eff. Apr. 15, 2009.
Amended: New title "Organization. Amended." F. June 22, 2016; eff. July 12, 2016.

Rule 163-1-1-.02. Procedure for Requesting Rule Enactment or Change. Amended.

(1) Any person whose legal rights are affected by these rules may petition the Georgia Driver's Education Commission to enact, amend or repeal any rule pertaining its primary responsibilities of the Department as set forth in O.C.G.A. § 15-21-170, *et seq.*

(2) The petition must set forth the proposed new regulation or amendment, or identify the rule for which repeal is sought, and the reasons therefore. In addition, the petition must include the petitioner's name and address, and a statement of their interest in the matter. The petition shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to Georgia

Driver's Education Commission, Attn: Request for Regulatory Change, 7 Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive, Suite 643, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

(3) Within sixty (60) days after receipt of such petition, the Georgia Driver's Education Commission shall deny the petition in writing, stating the reasons for the denial, or shall initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 163-1-1-.02
Authority: O.C.G.A. § 15-21-175(a)(3).
History. Original Rule entitled "Procedure for Requesting Rule Enactment or Change" adopted. F. Mar. 26, 2009; eff. Apr. 15, 2009.
Amended: New title "Procedure for Requesting Rule Enactment or Change. Amended." F. June 22, 2016; eff. July 12, 2016.

Subject 163-1-2. GEORGIA DRIVER'S EDUCATION GRANT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

Rule 163-1-2-.01. Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program.

I. Name of Grant Program: Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program

II. Legal Authority: O.C.G.A. §15-21-175.

III. Scope: The Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program is a statewide grant scholarship program offering assistance to students desiring to complete a driver's education training course consisting of thirty hours of classroom training and six hours of behind the wheel training.

IV. General Terms and Conditions of the Grant:Grant scholarships are awarded through a competitive process to all students and governed by the Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Eligibility Requirements as adopted and amended by the Georgia Driver's Education Commission.

V. Eligible Recipients of the Grant: Residents of the State of Georgia actively enrolled in school between the ages of fifteen and seventeen and possess a valid Georgia instructional driving permit or driver's license are eligible to apply for the grant scholarship program.

VI. Criteria for the Award of Grants: Grants are awarded in accordance with the Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Eligibly Requirements as adopted and amended by the Georgia Driver's Education Commission and can be accessed by visiting www.gahighwaysafety.org/gdec/ or by visiting the Georgia Driver's Education at 7 Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive, Suite 643, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

VII. Directions and Deadlines for Application: Applicants may apply for the grant scholarship by visiting www.georgiadrivers.ga.gov.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 163-1-2-.01
Authority: O.C.G.A. § 15-21-170.
History. Original grant description entitled "Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program" submitted March 27, 2019.