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In October, the Georgia Secretary of State office is initiating a new program for license renewal called GOALS: Georgia Online Application Licensing System. This will be used for this cycle of license renewal. They recommend that you use Google Chrome as your browser and it can be done on a mobile device, desktop, laptops, and/or tablets. You cannot renew until this program goes live in October.

The CE Broker process for uploading continuing education documents is still up on the GA SOS website, but there are indications that continuing education will now go through the GOALS program as there is a statement saying that the license renewal will be paused if all continuing education documents are not uploaded. I have written an email to the board to clarify this as it is not answered in the FAQ's section. I will update GASOPT when I get a response. For more info on the GOALS program, please visit the Secretary of State website at:

www.sos.ga.gov/goals

The only changes in rules and regulations as it relates to PT are around Physical Therapists educated in Foreign Non-CAPTE programs. There is a change in the language proficiency requirements.

The board has also defined specific State Board referrals as it relates to convictions and arrests once disclosed at either initial licensing or at renewal. If you would like more details in these areas, please go to the website at:

<https://sos.ga.gov/sites/default/files/2023-07/06-27-23>