

SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE  
GEORGIA AUCTIONEERS COMMISSION RULES,  
CHAPTER 55-8, "SCHOOLS," RULE  
55-8-.01, "SCHOOLS. AMENDED"

Rule 55-8-.01 is repealed and a new rule of the same number is proposed for adoption.

Purpose: To shift from fees set by rule to a fee schedule approved by the Commission; to clarify curriculum and hour requirements; to generally clarify the rule by improving the sentence structure; and to reflect the new renewal deadline.

Main Features: The rule amendments provide for a fee schedule; provide that students must spend 80 credit hours in class; specify that the schools must teach Georgia laws, rules, and regulations to students; and provides for an expiration deadline for of February 28.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE  
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE  
GEORGIA AUCTIONEERS COMMISSION RULES FOR  
SCHOOLS, 55-8-.01

[Note: underlined text is proposed to be added; lined-through text is proposed to be deleted.]

55-8-.01 Schools. Amended.

(1) Schools of auctioneering seeking approval must provide the Commission with the following information:

(a) Completed ~~an~~ application on a form approved by the Commission and required fee. (See fee schedule.) ~~submit a fee in an amount provided by rule;~~

(b) Submit evidence that all instructors in the school have a minimum of five years of experience in the auction profession, or in a profession directly related to the instruction material;

(c) Submit evidence of a policy requiring students to spend at least 80 credit hours, in class, ~~of credit~~ and 10 days ~~of~~ in attendance, and to be completed within a an 80-day calendar period; for certification of graduation from the school;

(d) Submit a copy of the written examination required for certification of graduation from the school, the testing policy, and the passing score for the test; and;

(e) Submit a curriculum which contains a minimum of 80 credit hours earned in not less than ten (10) days which must include the following subjects:

1. Bid calling;

2. Georgia law, rules and regulations governing the profession of auctioneering;  
~~Auctioneers statute and rules and regulations;~~

3. Ethics;

4. Laws relating to bulk sales and the uniform commercial code as it relates to auctioneering;

5. Advertising;

6. Contracts; and

7. Accounting and bookkeeping procedures, and final settlements.

Other subjects that ~~which~~ may be included in the curriculum are: antiques and furniture, art, automobiles, bankruptcy, estates, business liquidations, farm equipment, heavy machinery, jewelry, livestock, real estate, tobacco, set-up, conducting, personnel, and personal hygiene.

(2) An approved school shall notify the Commission within 30 days of any change(s) in the curriculum plan that was submitted with the application as required by paragraph (1) ~~information required in paragraph (1)~~ during the time the school is approved.

(3) An ~~A~~ approved school which fails to comply with any requirement provided by the ~~laws~~ or rules, or which fails to meet the requirements provided in paragraph (1) of this rule may lose its approval by the Commission after written notice by mail to the last address on file with the Commission. The school has ten (10) days to respond to the notice. If the notice is returned "undeliverable," "unclaimed," "address unknown," or "moved, left no forwarding address," or if the school fails to respond within the ten (10) days, the school shall be deemed to waive its right to respond.

(4) All approved schools must renew Commission approval and pay a renewal fee as prescribed by the Commission on or before February 28, December 31, of ~~odd~~ even years beginning in ~~1991~~ 2006.

(5) Any school during the time it is approved by the Commission may use only the following language indicating its ~~their~~ approval status in all materials or advertisements published and/or distributed on behalf of the school: "This school was approved by the Georgia Auctioneers Commission on (date) and its approval expires February 28, December 31, (year)."

O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25 and 43-6-11.