

Georgia Form 3300 Webinar FAQ

Who can perform screenings for the four components of the Form 3300?

All four components of the Form 3300 may be completed by:

- a physician with an active Georgia license
- by persons working under the supervision of a physician with an active Georgia license
- by the local health department
- or by a school registered nurse (not an LPN or unlicensed personnel)

Additionally:

- Vision screenings may be conducted by an optometrist with an active GA license or an employee of Prevent Blindness Georgia trained in vision screening
- Hearing screenings may be conducted by an audiologist or speech-language pathologist with an active GA license
- Dental screenings may be conducted by a dentist with an active GA license or dental hygienist with an active GA license
- Nutrition screenings may be conducted by a dietician with an active GA license

If a Form 3300 was completed for entry in a GA Pre-K does it have to be repeated in kindergarten?

DPH Rule 511-5-6-.02(1) states that Form 3300 must be provided when the child is “admitted for the first time to a public school.” If the first time that the child is admitted to a public school is for pre-K, then that is when the Form 3300 should be filed. If the child changes schools for first grade, then that form should then be transferred with the child to the new school in accordance with DPH Rule 511-5-6-.02(4), and a new screening is not required.

If the child does not attend pre-K, or attends a pre-K program at a private school, then the Form 3300 will not be filed until the child attends public school for the first time.

Is there a specific form for parents to complete for a religious exemption?

At present there is no DPH form for parents to complete in cases of religious exemption from Form 3300. Instead, the parent or legal guardian must furnish the school a notarized statement stating that the required screening or screenings conflict with the religious beliefs of the parent or legal guardian. This notarized statement must be kept on file at the school and forwarded to new schools in the same manner as a Certificate.

What should I do if the form indicates “needs further evaluation” or “unable to screen”?

Although it is not stipulated in the mandate that schools follow up in a particular way, the intent of the Form 3300 is to identify issues that may negatively impact their academic and health success, in order to address those needs as quickly as possible. Schools are encouraged to follow up with parents/guardians of children with Form 3300 results that indicate “needs further evaluation” or “unable to screen” to ensure that those children get follow up as appropriate. There is a section at the lower left corner of Form 3300 for schools to use in documenting attempts at follow up.

Additionally, it is noted in DPH Rule 511-5-6-.05 that if the child is unable to be screened, or to pass a screening, due to disability or health condition, “then the person screening for that component shall explain on the certificate why the test could not be administered or passed, note whether the child is under professional care, and provide any further information that might assist school authorities with the child's educational planning”

What about a child that came to us from another state?

A local health department may, in its discretion, accept written records of screenings performed by private practitioners licensed in a state other than Georgia, provided that such screenings were conducted within one year before the child is admitted for the first time to a Georgia public school. In these cases, the health department shall sign and issue a certificate based upon the information in such written records, and shall keep such written records on file.

What if the child has been out of GA public school for greater than one year?

This properly executed certificate is required to be completed **only once**, upon the child’s first entry into public school. If the child has been out of the Georgia Public School System for greater than one year, a second Form 3300 is not required, as long as the original was completed and filed according to rules and regulations.