

1.3 Certification of Judicial Officers. For the purposes of this rule judicial officers shall include judges and associate judges. Each judicial officer exercising juvenile court jurisdiction shall become certified after participation in at least one seminar established by the Council of Juvenile Court Judges each year. Any judge pro tempore who sits as juvenile court judge for at least thirty (30) days during a calendar year, in order to serve in the capacity in the following calendar year, must become certified by attending at least one seminar of the type described above. Superior court judges may meet this requirement by attending seminars held in conjunction with the seminars for superior court judges provided by the Institute of Continuing Judicial Education. Judicial officers shall not exercise juvenile court jurisdiction after January 1st of each year unless their Council certifies to the Administrative Office of the Courts that annual training has been accomplished or unless the judicial officer is in the first year of his or her initial appointment. The Council of Juvenile Court Judges shall certify the attendance of juvenile court judicial officers; the Council of Superior Court Judges shall certify the attendance of superior court judges who sit as juvenile court judges. Determination of certification will be based upon the completion of the requirements for certification set out in O.C.G.A. §15-11-20. Each Council shall notify each judicial officer of that class of courts of his or her status relative to certification. The period of certification shall begin on January 1st of the year following completion of the requirements and shall extend through December 31st of that same year. If, on January 1st of each year, certification has not been attained by a judicial officer, the appropriate Council of Judges may grant an extension of 120 days for the judicial officers to become certified, upon good cause shown.