

Paragraphs (2)(c) and (9)(k)(l)(p)(q) and Subsection (7) of Rule 6A-4.0021 are amended to read:

6A-4.0021 Florida Teacher Certification Examinations.

(2) Description of the examinations and competencies to be demonstrated.

(a) The Florida Teacher Certification Examinations shall be developed by the Commissioner of Education.

(b) The written examinations shall include subtests of reading, writing, mathematics, professional skills, and subject area specialty. These examinations may contain multiple choice questions and questions requiring the examinee to write an answer or demonstrate a proficiency.

(c) The following competencies are to be demonstrated by means of the written examinations:

1. Beginning with the July 2004 ~~2003~~ test administration, the general knowledge competencies and skills as contained in the publication "Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida, Ninth ~~Eighth~~ Edition."

2. Before July 1, 2004 ~~2003~~, the professional competencies and skills contained in the publication, "Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida, Eighth ~~Seventh~~ Edition" which is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this rule. Beginning July 1, 2004 ~~2003~~, the professional competencies and skills contained in the publication

"Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida, Ninth ~~Eighth~~ Edition" which is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this rule. Copies of these publications may be obtained from the Department of Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399 at a price to be established by the Commissioner not to exceed actual cost, and

3. Before July 1, 2004 ~~2003~~, the subject area competencies and skills contained in the publication, "Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida, Eighth ~~Seventh~~ Edition" which is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this rule. Beginning July 1, 2004 ~~2003~~, the subject area competencies and skills contained in the publication

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(d) Before July 1, 2002, the College Level Academic Skills Test or the Praxis I: Academic Skills Assessment as described in subsection (13) of this rule shall be used to demonstrate mastery of general knowledge for an individual who holds a bachelor's or higher degree as specified in Rules 6A-4.004, 6A-4.050, and 6A-4.066, FAC.

(7) Scoring the general knowledge subtests. Effective

January 2004, July 2002, the passing scores for the general knowledge subtests listed below shall be a scaled score of at least two hundred(200). This scaled score shall be equivalent to the following raw scores on the July 2002 test administration as defined below:

(a) General Knowledge Reading Subtest: 25 correct items. ~~A reading subtest raw score that results in an examinee passing rate of seventy six (76) percent, which was the passing rate of teacher candidates who took the College Level Academic Skills Reading Subtest for the first time during the 2000-2001 administration year.~~

(b) General Knowledge English Skills Subtest: 29 correct items. ~~An English skill subtest raw score that results in an examinee passing rate of seventy four (74) percent, which was the passing rate for teacher candidates who took the College Level Academic Skills English Skills Subtest for the first time during the 2000-2001 administration year.~~

(c) General Knowledge English Essay Subtest: A total raw score of six (6). ~~An English essay subtest total raw score of six (6), which was the passing score of teacher candidates who took the College Level Academic Skills Essay Subtest for the first time during the 2000-2001 administration year.~~

(d) General Knowledge Mathematics Subtest: 26 correct items. ~~A mathematics subtest raw score that results in an~~

~~examinee passing rate of fifty three (53) percent, which was the passing rate of teacher candidates who took the College Level Academic Skills Mathematics Subtest for the first time during the 2000-2001 administration year.~~

(9) Scoring of the subject area specialty examinations.

(k) Effective January 2004, ~~July 2002~~, the passing scores for the subject area speciality examinations listed below shall be a scaled score of at least two hundred (200). This scaled score shall be equivalent to the following raw scores on the July 2002 test administration ~~as defined below:~~

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
<u>Exceptional Student Education K-12</u>	<u>72 correct items</u>
<u>Kindergarten-Grade Six</u>	<u>138 correct items</u>

~~1. Exceptional Student Education K-12 Examination. An examination raw score that results in an examinee passing rate of ninety two (92) percent, which was the average of the passing rates of teacher candidates who took the Emotionally Handicapped K-12, Mentally Handicapped K-12, Physically Impaired K-12, Specific Learning Disabilities K-12, and Varying Exceptionalities K-12 specialty examinations for the first time during the 2000-2001 examination administration year. In the event that fewer than fifty (50) examinees are tested in the July 2002 examination administration, the passing score shall be seventy one (71) percent of the items.~~

~~2. Kindergarten Grade Six Examination. An examination raw score that results in an examinee passing rate of eighty two (82) percent, which was the passing rate of teacher candidates who took the Elementary Education 1-6 speciality examination for the first time during the 2000-2001 administration year. In the event that fewer than fifty (50) examinees are tested in the July 2002 examination administration, the passing score shall be sixty six (66) percent of the items.~~

(1) After sufficient data have been collected, Not later than September 1, 2003, the Commissioner of Education shall review examinee performance levels for ~~all General Knowledge Subtests, the Kindergarten - Grade Six Examination,~~ and the Exceptional Student Education K-12 Examination and determine whether to recommend to the State Board of Education to maintain or change the above existing passing scores.

(p) Before July 1, 2004 ~~2003~~, the subject area specialty examinations approved for use in the Florida Teacher Certification Examinations are listed by subject area in the publication, "Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida, Eighth ~~Seventh~~ Edition."

(q) Beginning July 1, 2004 ~~2003~~, the subject area specialty examinations approved for use in the Florida Teacher Certification Examinations are listed by subject area in the publication "Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher

Certification in Florida, Ninth ~~Eighth~~ Edition.”□

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