

Paragraphs (4)(a), (9)(c)(n)-(s), and (11)(b) of Rule 6A-4.0021 is amended to read:

6A-4.0021 Florida Teacher Certification Examinations.

(4) Registration, late registration and refunds

(a) Registration for the examinations shall be for the initial examinations or for one (1) or more examinations not previously passed. To register to take the examinations, an applicant shall submit a completed application which shall be received by the test administration agency at least fifty (50) days preceding the examination date.

1. Before October 1, 2004, ~~2003~~, a complete application shall consist of the following:

a. A completed application Form CG-20-03A ~~CG-20-03~~, Registration Application: Certification Examinations for Florida Educators, which includes the applicant's signature. Form CG-20-03A ~~CG-20-03~~, Registration Application: Certification Examinations for Florida Educators is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this rule to become effective October 2004 ~~July 2003~~. This form may be obtained without cost from the Bureau of Educator Certification, Florida Department of Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

b. A twenty-five (25) dollar fee for each registration for a subject area specialty examination or any combination of subtests for a subject area specialty examination, for each registration for the professional skills examination, and for

each registration for the general knowledge test or any combination of subtests for the general knowledge test.

c. A charge of one hundred (100) dollars in addition to the fees described in Rule 6A-4.0021(4)(a)1.b., FAC., for certification applicants taking a supplemental examination.

2. Beginning October 1, 2004 ~~2003~~, a completed application shall consist of the following:

a. A completed application Form CG-20-04 ~~CG-20-03A~~, Registration Application: Certification Examinations for Florida Educators, which includes the applicant's signature. Form CG-20-04 ~~CG-20-03A~~ is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this rule to become effective October 1, 2004 ~~2003~~. This form may be obtained without cost from the Bureau of Educator Certification, Department of Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

b. A twenty-five (25) dollar fee for each registration for a subject area specialty examination or any combination of subtests for a subject area specialty examination, each registration for the professional skills examination, and each registration for the general knowledge test or any combination of subtests for the general knowledge test.

c. A charge of one hundred (100) dollars in addition to the fees described in Rule 6A-4.0021(4)(a)2.b., FAC., for certification applicants taking a supplemental examination.

3. An incomplete application shall be returned to the

applicant. Applications which are completed and resubmitted to the test administration agency after the fifty (50) day deadline shall be acceptable only if the applicant complies with requirements specified in Rule 6A-4.0021(4)(b), FAC.

(9) Scoring of the subject area specialty examinations.

(c) For subject area specialty examinations listed below, a score earned prior to October 1, 1990, shall be considered a passing score and shall be valid for certification in that subject area for a period of two (2) years from the test administration date. Effective October 1, 1990, a passing score for these subject area examinations will be a scaled score of at least two hundred (200). This scaled passing score will be equivalent to the following scores on the April, 1989 test administration:

SUBJECT	SCORE
Art K-12	63 correct items
Elementary Education 1-6	84 correct items
English 6-12	71 on a scale that weights the multiple choice section <u>seventy</u> <del>(70) eighty</del> <del>(80)</del> percent and the essay section <u>thirty</u> <del>(30)</del> <del>twenty</del> <del>(20)</del> percent.
Hearing Impaired K-12	66 correct items
Mathematics 6-12	60 correct items
Music K-12	64 correct items

Primary Education K-3      88 correct items

Social Science 6-12      102 correct items

(n) After sufficient data have been collected Notlater than September 1, 2004, the Commissioner of Education shall review examinee performance levels for the Professional Education Examination, the Middle Grades Integrated Curriculum 5-9 Examination, and the Physical Education K-12 Examination and determine whether to recommend to the State Board of Education to maintain or change the existing passing scores.

(o) Effective July 2004, the passing score for the subject area specialty examination listed below shall be a scaled score of at least two hundred (200). This scaled score shall be equivalent to the raw score on the July 2004 test administration as defined below.

1. Computer Science K-12. An examination raw score that results in an examinee passing rate of eighty-three (83) percent, which was the passing rate of teacher candidates who took the Computer Science K-12 specialty examination for the first time during the 2002-2003 examination administration year. In the event that fewer than fifty (50) examinees are tested in the July 2004 administration, the passing score shall be sixty-three (63) percent of the items.

(p) After sufficient data have been collected, the Commissioner of Education shall review examinee performance levels for the Computer Science K-12 Examination and determine

whether to recommend to the State Board of Education to maintain or change the existing passing scores.

(q)~~(o)~~ The Commissioner of Education shall review the passing score for each of the General Knowledge Subtests, each of the subject area specialty examinations, and the Professional Education Examination not less than once every five (5) years and determine whether to recommend to the State Board of Education to maintain or change the existing passing scores.

(r)~~(p)~~ Before July 1, 2004, 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 Edition."

(s)~~(q)~~ Beginning July 1, 2004, the subject area specialty examinations approved for use in the Florida Teacher Certification Examinations are listed by subject area in the publication ACompetencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida, Ninth Edition.@

(11) Score reports for the reading, writing, mathematics, professional skills, and subject area examinations.

(b) The examinee shall be sent two (2) authenticated score reports as described in Rule 6A-4.0021(10)(a), FAC. In addition, a copy of the score report may be issued by the test

administration agency without a fee to one (1) Florida college or university and to one (1) Florida school district provided the examinee identifies the recipient or recipients of the score report on either the CG-20-03A ~~CG-20-02~~, Registration Application: Certification Examinations for Florida Educators or the CG-20-04 ~~CG-20-03~~, Registration Application: Certification Examinations for Florida Educators.

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