

Sub-subparagraph (1)(a)3.(II), Subsection (2), and paragraph (7)(d) of Rule 6A-4.004 are amended to read:

6A-4.004 Florida Educator's Certificates with Academic, Administrative, Degreed Vocational, and Specialty Class Coverages. A Florida educator's certificate is issued to an applicant with academic, administrative, degreed vocational, and specialty class coverages as specified below.

(1) Temporary certificate.

(a) The three-year nonrenewable temporary certificate may be issued to an applicant who does not qualify for the professional certificate but meets the following requirements:

3. Satisfies the fingerprint requirement as follows:

a. Submits the original fingerprint reports which have been processed by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Federal Bureau of Investigation as specified below:

(I) Original fingerprint reports shall be provided by the employing district, state supported school, or nonpublic school. A name and description search shall be acceptable in lieu of a technical fingerprint search after two (2) sets of fingerprints are declared illegible by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement or the Federal Bureau of Investigation or when an individual is unable to provide fingerprints because of a physical disability, and

(II) Fingerprints shall have been submitted to the Florida

Department of Law Enforcement and the Federal Bureau of Investigation within the twelve month ~~two-year~~ period immediately preceding the beginning validity date of the certificate which is issued, date of employment for which the certificate is required, or

b. Holds a Florida educator's certificate which has not expired for more than one (1) school fiscal year from the date the application for a certificate is received by the Bureau of Educator Certification. (b) Expired temporary certificates. A three-year nonrenewable temporary certificate may be issued to an applicant who held a temporary certificate but did not hold a temporary certificate for the school year immediately preceding the school fiscal year for which the certificate is requested and meets all requirements specified in paragraph (1)(a) of this rule.

(2) Professional certificate. The professional certificate is the highest type of full-time certificate issued. The professional certificate is issued to an applicant who meets the requirements as specified in sections 1012.56 ~~231.17~~(1) and (2), Florida Statutes. However, if a subject area test has not been developed and the absence of such test prohibits an individual from obtaining a professional certificate or adding a subject to a professional certificate, the employing Florida district superintendent or chief administrative officer of a state

supported or nonpublic school may verify the attainment of the essential subject matter competencies. ~~When the Praxis I Academic Skills Test is used for the general knowledge test, the score must meet the score established in Rule 6A 4.0021, FAC.~~

(7) Expired certificates.

(d) An applicant whose professional certificate has been expired ~~for less than five (5) years~~ may reinstate the professional certificate if requirements are completed as specified in Rule 6A-4.0051(6), FAC.

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