

Paragraphs (1)(b) and (3)(a) and Subsections (5) and (6) of Rule 6A-4.0051 are amended to read:

6A-4.0051 Renewal and Reinstatement of a Professional Certificate. A professional certificate is renewed or reinstated and certification coverages retained on the certificate in accordance with the following provisions:

(1) Professional certificate. A professional certificate may be renewed for the individual who meets the requirements specified below:

(b) Subject area tests. A passing score on a subject area test in the certification area shown on the certificate may be used to renew the coverage on the professional certificate. A subject area test shall be approved by the Florida State Board of Education and shall be in a certification area shown on the certificate. One (1) test shall be equal to three (3) semester hours of college credit. Official documentation of a passing score on each subject area test used for renewal of the certificate shall be submitted electronically from the test administration agency beginning July 1, 2002, to the Bureau of Educator Certification, Florida Department of Education or ~~and~~ shall be the original score report issued by the test administration agency for scores earned prior to July 1, 2002.

(3) General requirements.

(a) All requirements necessary for the renewal of a

certificate shall be completed during the last validity period of the certificate to be renewed and prior to the expiration date of the certificate. Requirements for the first renewal shall be completed subsequent to the date that the application for the certificate was received in the Bureau of Educator Certification, Florida Department of Education, or subsequent to the beginning validity date shown on the certificate, or subsequent to the date eligibility was established for the first professional certificate, whichever is later.

(5) Special provisions for teachers of limited English proficient students and teachers of reading.

(a) An educator who holds a professional certificate may use college credits or inservice points completed in English-for-Speakers-of-Other-Languages training and the teaching of reading in excess of six (6) semester hours during one certificate-validity period toward renewal of the professional certificate during the subsequent validity periods.

(b) An educator who holds a temporary certificate may use college credits or inservice points completed in English-for-Speakers-of-Other-Languages training and the teaching of reading toward renewal of the educator's first professional certificate. Such training must not have been included within the degree program, and the educator's temporary and professional certificates must be issued for consecutive school years.

(c) These provisions supersede the requirements in paragraph (3)(a) of this rule for the individuals noted in paragraphs (5)(a) and (b) of this rule.

(6) Reinstatement of a professional certificate. The Department may reinstate an expired professional certificate ~~within five (5) years after the date of expiration~~ if the certificate holder:

(a) Completes the application requirements as specified in Rule 6A-4.0012, FAC.,

(b) Satisfies the fingerprint requirement as specified in Rule 6A-4.004(1)(a)3., FAC.,

(c) Documents completion of six (6) semester hours of college credit during the five (5) years immediately preceding reinstatement of the expired certificate, completion of one hundred twenty (120) inservice points, or a combination thereof, as specified in paragraph (1)(a) of this rule, and

(d) During the five (5) years immediately preceding reinstatement of the certificate, achieves a passing score on the subject area examination for each subject to be shown on the reinstated certificate. Only subjects currently issued by the Department may be shown on a reinstated certificate.

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