

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Consent Item
July 14, 2009

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-6.0573, Industry Certification Process

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1003.492(2), Florida Statutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Agency for workforce Innovation reviews the Industry Certification List annually to recommend additions and deletions to the comprehensive list. The recommendations are based on the most recent Targeted Occupations List and on recommendations from the Regional Workforce Boards, business and industry. The amendment to this rule is to adopt the updated "Comprehensive Industry Certification List" as well as the "Industry Certification Funding List" for the 2009-2010 school year. The new certifications are added to the list according to the following process:

September 10 to October 31 -- Business and industry groups, Regional Workforce Boards, School Districts and Career and Professional Academies submit certification(s) using the designated process to be considered for addition to the Comprehensive Industry Certification List.

November -- Agency for Workforce Innovation, Inc. researches the submitted requests and compiles a preliminary list of new recommendations for consideration by Workforce Florida. Florida Department of Education will assign certification codes. The list of recommended certifications for consideration for addition to the Comprehensive Industry Certification list is submitted to Workforce Florida, Inc. by Agency for Workforce Innovation Inc.

November to February -- The proposed certifications are reviewed/vetted by Workforce Florida, Employ Florida Banner Centers, industry associations, Florida businesses, and other pertinent groups as deemed necessary by Workforce Florida.

February -- The Workforce Florida, Inc., Board of Directors reviews the recommendations, discusses proposed additions, and votes on proposed additions and deletions to the Comprehensive Industry Certification List.

March 1 -- The Approved Comprehensive Industry Certification List is published by Workforce Florida, Inc.

March 15 -- The Department of Education posted the preliminary 2009-10 Industry Certification Funding list.

March 15 to May 1 -- School districts that offer career and professional academies may submit requests to the Department of Education (DOE) for the final 2009-10 Industry Certification *Funding* List. (DOE's process plans for 45 days to review and respond to each request.)

Certifications added to the funding list include those relating to Adobe Certified Expert, Apple Certified Pro, ASE Master Automobile Technician, ASE Medium/Heavy Truck Technician, Autodesk Certifications, Certification for Legal Professionals, Certified Bookkeeper, Certified Health Unit Coordinator, Certified Medical Administrative Assistant, Microsoft Certified Systems, NCCER Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning, and NCCER Plumbing as well as others shown on the attachment.

Certifications recommended for removal from the list by the Agency for Workforce Innovation, Inc. and Workforce Florida, Inc. include: Autodesk Certified Expert - AutoCAD Architecture, Autodesk Certified Expert - Autodesk Inventor, Certified Culinarian, Cisco IT Essentials Certificate, Early Childhood Professional Certificate (ECPC), Microsoft Certified Application Developer (MCAD), and Microsoft MCAS/MCAP Bundle.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6A-6.0573, Industry Certification Process, Comprehensive Industry Certification List, March 2009, and Industry Certification Funding List for the 2009-2010 School Year

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