

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 18, 2003

SUBJECT: Approval of Amended Rules 6A-4.0021, Florida Teacher Certification Examination, and 6A-4.00821, Florida Educational Leadership Examination (FELE)

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For approval.

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Sections 1012.52, 1012.55(1), 1012.56, and 1012.59, Florida Statutes.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

These two rules must be updated to incorporate the ongoing revisions in the teacher certification program (Sections 1012.52, 1012.55(1), 1012.56, and 1012.59 Florida Statutes). Specifically, these changes permit us to issue an updated version of the application for taking an examination and permit us to distribute an updated version of the publication *Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida*.

The application and the publication are re-issued regularly as new and revised editions of teacher certification examinations are ready to be administered. This publication identifies the competencies and skills tested on all of the Florida Teacher Certification Examinations. The process of adopting new or revised test content will continue each year through July 2007; new tests or tests with revised content will be administered in July 2003, July 2004, July 2005, July 2006, and July 2007 under the current FTCE/FELE contract.

1. 6A-4.00821 – This rule updates the registration application. The new application has been redesigned to allow examinees retaking the General Knowledge Test or the FELE to designate which subtest(s) they wish to retake. We are revising the registration application and giving it a new form code number, as required by Florida Statute.
2. 6A-4.0021 – Each time a new test is introduced or the content of an existing test is revised, this rule is amended so that the document that contains the new or revised test content is correctly identified in the rule. These changes are described in the publication *Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida* that lists the competencies and skills tested on all of the Florida Teacher Certification Examinations. By approving and adopting each new edition, the Board is approving and adopting the new or revised test content. The publication being adopted at this time is the *Eighth Edition*. The *Eighth Edition* includes

competencies and skills for new tests in Middle Grades Integrated Curriculum and Physical Education K-12. In addition, the content of the Professional Education Test has been revised. The *Eighth Edition* must be adopted before we can administer these new or revised tests in July 2003.

Supporting Documentation Included: Rules 6A-4.0021 and 6A-4.00821, FAC., as amended, Form CG-20-03, Registration Application: Certification Examinations for Florida Educators, and (Proposed) *Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida, Eighth Edition*.

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