

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Action Item

March 19, 2019

SUBJECT: Amendment to Rule 6A-4.0021, Florida Teacher Certification Examinations

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Sections 1012.55(1), 1012.56, 1012.59, Florida Statutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This rule is proposed for amendment to adopt lower retake registration fees for the General Knowledge Test and the Professional Education Test, as well as lower first-time and retake registration fees for all Subject Area Examinations. These registration fee changes will become effective April 22, 2019.

Further, section 1012.56(9), F.S., requires the State Board of Education to specify, by rule, the examination scores required for the issuance of a professional certificate and temporary certificate. Such rules must define examination competencies and establish uniform evaluation guidelines and passing scores for the Florida Teacher Certification Examinations (FTCE).

Rule 6A-4.0021, F.A.C., fulfills the above requirement by providing a description, by reference, of the competencies and skills to be assessed. These competencies and skills are included in the document "Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida." As changes to general knowledge, professional education, and subject area competencies are made, a new edition of this document must be developed and incorporated, by reference, into the rule.

The rule is proposed for amendment to adopt the "Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida, Twenty-Fifth Edition." The new edition updates the competencies and skills for Guidance and Counseling PK-12, Hearing Impaired K-12, Music K-12, School Psychologist PK-12, Speech-Language Impaired K-12, and Visually Impaired K-12, and will become effective October 1, 2020.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6A-4.0021, F.A.C. and Thank You letter from Superintendent Patton, Collier County. Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida, Twenty-Fifth Edition (under separate cover)

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6A-4.0021 Florida Teacher Certification Examinations.

(1) Scope. This rule governs the written examinations for teacher certification. Additional requirements for certification are specified in Chapter 6A-4, F.A.C.

(2) Description of the examinations and competencies to be demonstrated.

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) The following competencies are to be demonstrated by means of the written examinations:

1. ~~Between June 1, 2016 and August 31, 2017, the general knowledge competencies and skills contained in the publication “Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida, Twenty-Second Edition,” (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-05515>), which is incorporated by reference and made part of this rule effective June 1, 2016. Between September 1, 2017 and September 30, 2017, the general knowledge competencies and skills contained in the publication “Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida, Twenty-Third Edition,” (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07092>), which is incorporated by reference and made part of this rule effective September 1, 2017. Beginning October 1, 2017, and September 30, 2020, the general knowledge competencies and skills contained in the publication “Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida, Twenty-Fourth Edition,” (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07842>), which is incorporated by reference and made part of this rule effective October 1, 2017. Beginning October 1, 2020, the general knowledge competencies and skills contained in the publication “Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida, Twenty-Fifth Edition,” (*DOS Link*), which is incorporated by reference and made part of this rule effective October 1, 2020.~~ These publications may be obtained by contacting the Division of Accountability, Research and Measurement, Department of Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400.

2. ~~Between June 1, 2016 and August 31, 2017, the professional education competencies and skills contained in the publication “Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida, Twenty-Second Edition,” (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-05515>), which is incorporated by reference and made part of this rule effective June 1, 2016. Between September 1, 2017 and September 30, 2017, the professional education competencies and skills contained in the publication “Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida, Twenty-Third Edition,” (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07092>), which is incorporated by reference and made part of this rule effective September 1, 2017. Beginning October 1, 2017, and~~

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3. Between ~~June 1, 2016 and August 31, 2017~~, the subject area competencies and skills contained in the publication “Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida, Twenty-Second Edition,” (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-05515>), which is incorporated by reference and made part of this rule effective ~~June 1, 2016~~. Between ~~September 1, 2017 and September 30, 2017~~, the subject area competencies and skills contained in the publication “Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida, Twenty-Third Edition,” (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07092>), which is incorporated by reference and made part of this rule effective ~~September 1, 2017~~. Beginning October 1, 2017, and September 30, 2020, the subject area competencies and skills contained in the publication “Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida, Twenty-Fourth Edition,”(<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07842>), which is incorporated by reference and made part of this rule effective October 1, 2017. Beginning October 1, 2020, the subject area competencies and skills contained in the publication “Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida, Twenty-Fifth Edition,”(DOS Link), which is incorporated by reference and made part of this rule effective October 1, 2020. These publications may be obtained by contacting the Division of Accountability, Research and Measurement, Department of Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400.

(3) No change.

(4) Registration, fees, and refunds.

(a) No change.

(b) Beginning April 22, 2019 ~~September 1, 2009~~, registration fees shall be as follows:

Examination	Fee
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General Knowledge Test, First-Time Registration (<u>Full Battery</u>)	\$130.00
General Knowledge Test, <u>Single Subtest</u> Retake Registration	\$32.50 150.00
<u>General Knowledge Test, Two Subtests</u> Retake Registration	\$65.00
<u>General Knowledge Test, Three Subtests</u> Retake Registration	\$97.50
<u>General Knowledge Test, Full Battery</u> Retake Registration	\$130.00
Professional Education Test, First-Time Registration	\$150.00
Professional Education Test, Retake Registration	\$150.00 170.00
Subject Area Examination, First-Time Registration	\$150.00 200.00
Subject Area Examination, Retake Registration	\$150.00 220.00

(c) Beginning April 22, 2019 ~~July 1, 2013~~, registration fees for Prekindergarten/Primary PK-3 shall be as

follows:

Prekindergarten/Primary PK-3	Fee
First-Time Registration (Full Battery)	\$150.00 200.00
Single Subtest Retake Registration	\$37.50 150.00
Two Subtests Retake Registration	\$75.00 200.00
Three Subtests Retake Registration	\$112.50 220.00
Full Battery Retake Registration	\$150.00 220.00

(d) Beginning April 22, 2019 ~~May 1, 2014~~, registration fees for Elementary Education K-6 shall be as follows:

Elementary Education K-6	Fee
First-Time Registration (Full Battery)	\$150.00 200.00
Single Subtest Retake Registration	\$37.50 150.00
Two Subtests Retake Registration	\$75.00 200.00
Three Subtests Retake Registration	\$112.50 220.00
Full Battery Retake Registration	\$150.00 220.00

(e) Beginning April 22, 2019 ~~January 1, 2015~~, registration fees for English 6-12 and Middle Grades English 5-9

shall be as follows:

First-Time Registration (Full Battery)	\$ <u>150.00</u> 200.00
Single Section Retake Registration	\$ <u>75.00</u> 150.00
Full Battery Retake Registration	\$ <u>150.00</u> 220.00

(f) No change.

(5) through (13) No change.

*Rulemaking Authority 1012.55(1), 1012.56, 1012.59 FS. Law Implemented 1012.55, 1012.56, 1012.59 FS. History—
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 24-02, 7-16-02, 3-24-03, 7-21-03, 12-23-03, 7-13-04, 5-24-05, 5-23-06, 5-21-07, 5-19-08, 7-21-08, 7-9-09, 6-22-10,
 6-21-11, 11-22-11, 8-23-12, 5-21-13, 10-22-13, 2-25-14, 12-23-14, 7-28-15, 10-26-15, 7-26-16, 2-20-17, 8-20-17,
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Office of the Superintendent
Collier County Public Schools

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March 5, 2019

Commissioner Richard Corcoran
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Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Commissioner Corcoran,

On behalf of Collier County Schools, I want to wholeheartedly thank you for your recent proposal to lower teacher certification registration fees for both first-time and re-take exam takers. As you know, many Floridians become educators because of a passion to positively impact students' lives, often in spite of the level of compensation. If the proposed fee reductions are adopted, Collier County teachers will save at least \$60,000 per year - and potentially much more.

Initiatives like this proposal that lower the financial burden on our teachers and increase their bottom line, are greatly appreciated in Collier County and across our state.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kamela Patton, Ph.D.
Superintendent



