

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) through (2) No change.

(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. College credits, inservice training and subject area tests used to satisfy requirements for issuance of the initial professional certificate shall not be used for renewal of the professional certificate.

(b) Inservice training in mandatory topics not linked to student learning or professional growth per Rule 6A-5.071, F.A.C., may only earn an educator credit once during each five-year validity period.

(c)(b) Application and appropriate fee as specified in Rule 6A-4.0012, F.A.C., for renewal of a certificate shall be submitted to the Bureau of Educator Certification, Florida Department of Education or the employing Florida school district, during the last year of the validity period of the certificate and prior to the expiration date of the certificate. However, if the renewal application form is not received by the Bureau of Educator Certification or the employing Florida school district, before the expiration of the professional certificate, the application form, application fee, and a thirty (\$30.00) dollar late fee shall be submitted prior to July 1 of the year following expiration of the certificate in order to retain the professional certificate.

(d)(e) The validity period of the renewed certificate shall be for a period not to exceed five (5) years from July 1 of the school fiscal year following the date that the application was received in the Bureau of Educator Certification, Florida Department of Education or the employing Florida school district. However, if the renewal application is received by the Bureau of Educator Certification or the employing Florida school district after expiration of the professional certificate as specified in paragraph (3)(b) of this rule, the validity period of the renewed certificate shall be for a period not to exceed five (5) years from July 1 following the expiration of the last professional certificate.

(e)(d) A grade of at least "C" or the equivalent shall be earned in each course used for the renewal of a certificate. A grade of pass shall be acceptable under the pass or fail grading system.

(f)(e) A certification coverage which has been deleted from a professional certificate shall be added to the certificate when requirements specified in subsection 6A-4.004(6), F.A.C., have been completed.

(g)(f) A one (1) year extension of the validity period of a professional certificate shall be granted by the Florida Department of Education in the event of serious illness, injury, or other extraordinary extenuating circumstances beyond the control of the

applicant. The extension shall be granted only upon written request of the applicant or the superintendent of the local school district or of the chief administrative officer of a state supported or nonpublic school. The written request shall explain the extenuating circumstances. In case of illness or injury, a physician's written verification shall be submitted.

(4) through (6) No change.

(7) Special provisions for training in the instruction of reading for grades K-6.

(a) As a component of the credit requirements specified under paragraph (1)(a) of this rule, an educator whose application for renewal of a certificate with a beginning validity date of July 1, 2020, or thereafter, must have earned at least two (2) college credits, forty (40) inservice points, or a combination thereof, in evidence-based instruction and interventions per Rule 6A-6.053, F.A.C., specifically designed for students with characteristics of dyslexia, including the use of explicit, systematic, and sequential approaches to reading instruction, developing phonological and phonemic awareness, decoding, and implementing multisensory intervention strategies if the educator is renewing any of the following coverages: Elementary Education (K-6), Prekindergarten/Primary Education (age 3 through grade 3), Elementary Education (grades 1-6), Primary Education (grades K-3), English (grades 1-6), Middle Grades English (grades 5-9), Middle Grades Integrated Curriculum (grades 5-9), English (6-12), Reading (K-12), Reading (Endorsement), and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) (grades K-12).

(b) through (c) No change.

(8) No change.

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