

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) The Florida Teacher Certification Examinations shall be developed by the Commissioner of Education.

(b) The written examinations shall include subtests of English language skills, reading, writing, mathematics, professional skills, and subject area specialty. These examinations may contain multiple-choice questions and questions requiring the examinee to write an answer or demonstrate a proficiency.

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

1. ~~Between 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, and May 31, 2022, the general knowledge competencies and skills contained in the publication “Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida, Twenty-Fifth Edition,” (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10344>), which is incorporated by reference and made part of this rule effective October 1, 2020. Beginning June 1, 2022, the general knowledge competencies and skills contained in the publication “Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida, Twenty-Sixth Edition,” (INSERT LINK HERE), which is incorporated by reference and made part of this rule effective June 1, 2022.~~ 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 October 1, 2017, and September 30, 2020, the professional education 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, and May 31, 2022, the professional education competencies and skills contained in the publication “Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida, Twenty-Fifth Edition,” (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10344>), which is incorporated by reference and made part of this rule effective October 1, 2020. Beginning June 1, 2022, the~~

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3. ~~Between 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, and May 31, 2022,~~ the subject area competencies and skills contained in the publication “Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida, Twenty-Fifth Edition,” (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10344>), which is incorporated by reference and made part of this rule effective October 1, 2020. Beginning June 1, 2022, the subject area competencies and skills contained in the publication “Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida, Twenty-Sixth Edition,” (INSERT LINK HERE), which is incorporated by reference and made part of this rule effective June 1, 2022. 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) through (8) No change.

(9) Scoring of the subject area specialty examinations.

(a) No change.

(b) For subject area specialty examinations listed below, a score earned prior to May 1, 1990, shall be considered a passing score and shall be valid for certification in that subject area for a period of two (2) years from the test administration date. Effective August 1, 1990, a passing score for these subject area examinations will be a scaled score of at least two hundred (200). This scaled passing score will be equivalent to the following scores on the October 1988 test administration:

SUBJECT	SCORE
Biology 6-12	70 correct items
Computer Science K-12	72 correct items

Earth-Space Science 6-12	70 correct items
Emotionally Handicapped K-12	87 correct items
Geography 6-12	105 correct items
<u>School Guidance and Counseling</u> PK-12	83 correct items
History 6-12	89 correct items
Journalism 6-12	89 correct items
Mentally Handicapped K-12	63 correct items
Physical Education K-8	66 correct items
Physical Education 6-12	72 correct items
Physically Impaired K-12	79 correct items
Political Science 6-12	84 correct items
Reading K-12	69 correct items
School Psychologist PK-12	61 correct items
Specific Learning Disabilities K-12	78 correct items
Speech-Language Impaired K-12	79 correct items
Varying Exceptionalities K-12	80 correct items

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SUBJECT	SCORE
Art K-12	63 correct items
Elementary Education 1-6	84 correct items
English 6-12	71 on a scale that weights the multiple choice section eighty (80) percent and the essay section twenty (20) percent
<u>Deaf or Hard of Hearing</u>	66 correct items

Impaired K-12	
Mathematics 6-12	60 correct items
Music K-12	64 correct items
Primary Education K-3	88 correct items
Social Science 6-12	102 correct items

(d) through (bb) No change.

(10) through (13) No change.

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