

6A-4.004 Florida Educator’s Certificates with Academic, Administrative, Degreed Career and Technical, and Specialty Class Coverages.

A Florida educator’s certificate is issued to an applicant with academic, administrative, degreed career and technical, and specialty class coverages as specified below.

(1) No change.

(2) Temporary military veterans certificate.

(a) The five-year nonrenewable temporary certificate may be issued once to an applicant who does not qualify for the professional certificate but meets the following requirements:

1. Documents forty-eight (48) months of active-duty military service with an honorable discharge or medical separation by providing an official copy of a DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty;

2. Documents at least (60) college credits earned with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, in lieu of a bachelor’s degree, by submitting an official transcript per Rule 6A-4.003, F.A.C.;

3. Holds a valid Official Statement of Status of Eligibility as specified in Section 1012.56(1), F.S., which reflects that the applicant has satisfied specialization requirements or subject mastery for the bachelor’s level subject requested;

4. Obtains full-time employment in a position for which a Florida educator certificate is required in a Florida public, state supported, or a nonpublic school which has a Department of Education approved system for documenting the demonstration of required professional education competence. Verification of employment shall be submitted by a Florida district superintendent or designee or the chief administrative officer and confirm the educator is assigned to a mentor per Section 1012.56(7)(d), F.S.; and

5. Satisfies the fingerprint requirement per sub-subparagraph (1)(a)3.a. of this rule.

(3)(2) Professional certificate.

(a) No change.

(b) A standard, renewable professional certificate covering a science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) subject in grades 6 through 12 may be issued to an applicant who meets the following eligibility requirements:

1. through 5. No change.

The district shall verify, using the district verification form, “STEM-2016”

<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07645>) (effective December 2016), which is herein incorporated by reference and made part of this rule, that its calculation of the highly effective summative evaluation rating is based in part on the performance of students as measured by one of the above specified statewide, standardized or national assessments for a high school course listed in the publication, "Florida STEM Course List," <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-09632>) (effective ~~September 2022~~ August 2018), which is herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this rule. Both incorporated documents may be obtained without cost from the Bureau of Educator Certification, Department of Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

(c) The standard professional certificate may be renewed or extended based on provisions specified in Rule 6A-4.0051, F.A.C.

~~(4)(3)~~ Nonrenewable certificates covering speech-language impaired.

(a) No change.

(b) A nonrenewable professional certificate valid for five (5) school fiscal years shall be issued one (1) time to an applicant who meets the following requirements:

1. Meets requirements for a temporary certificate covering speech-language impaired as specified in paragraph ~~(4)(3)~~(a) of this rule;

2. through 4. No change.

~~(5)(4)~~ Certificates covering only athletic coaching (Grades K-12).

(a) A certificate valid for three (3) school fiscal years reflecting only athletic coaching may be issued to an applicant who does not meet the requirements specified in paragraph ~~(5)(4)~~(b) of this rule. The certificate may be issued one (1) time to an applicant who meets the following requirements:

1. through 2. No change.

(b) A certificate valid for five (5) school fiscal years reflecting only athletic coaching may be issued to an applicant who meets the following requirements:

1. Completes the application requirements as specified in Rule 6A-4.0012, F.A.C.;

2. Satisfies specialization requirements as specified in ~~Rule subsections~~ 6A-4.0282(2) and (3), F.A.C.; and

3. Submits fingerprint reports as specified in subparagraph (1)(a)3. of this rule.

(c) An applicant who does not meet requirements in either paragraph ~~(5)(4)~~(a) or paragraph ~~(5)(4)~~(b) of this

rule, for a certificate covering only athletic coaching will be issued an official letter, valid for one (1) year after receipt of the completed application, advising the applicant of any requirements that must be completed to qualify for a certificate covering only athletic coaching.

~~(6)(5)~~ Special temporary certificate covering only educational leadership.

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) An applicant who holds a special temporary certificate covering only educational leadership, or held the same which has expired, may be issued a professional certificate provided all requirements for the professional certificate in effect at the time the application is filed have been completed, as specified in subsection ~~(3)(2)~~ of this rule, which includes satisfying the specialization requirements for Educational Leadership as specified in Rule 6A-4.0082, F.A.C. An applicant issued the temporary certificate based on verified service as a military officer as specified in sub-subparagraph ~~(6)(5)(a)~~3.b. of this rule, shall be issued a professional certificate covering school principal upon submission of verification approved by the school district superintendent that the applicant successfully completed the district school principal certification program approved pursuant to Rule 6A-5.081, F.A.C.

~~(7)(6)~~ Restricted professional certificate.

(a) through (b) No change.

~~(8)(7)~~ Addition of subjects to a professional certificate. A subject may be added to a valid renewable professional certificate when an applicant meets the following requirements:

(a) through (b) No change.

~~(9)(8)~~ Addition of endorsements. An endorsement may be added to a valid three-year nonrenewable temporary or renewable professional certificate when an applicant meets the following requirements:

(a) through (b) No change.

~~(10)(9)~~ Expired certificates.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) An applicant whose professional certificate has expired may reinstate the professional certificate if requirements are completed as specified in Rule subsection ~~6A-4.0051(7)~~, F.A.C.

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