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MEMORANDUM

TO: Florida College System Presidents
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FROM: Kathryn S. Hebda, Chancellor, Florida College System
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DATE: August 22, 2022

SUBJECT: **Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-10.024, Florida Administrative Code, Articulation Between and Among Universities, Florida Colleges, and School Districts**

On August 17, 2022, the State Board of Education (SBOE) approved revisions to Rule 6A-10.024, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Articulation Between and Among Universities, Florida Colleges, and School Districts. This amendment is in accordance with section (s.) 1004.096, Florida Statutes (F.S.), which requires the Department of Veterans' Affairs, Board of Governors and SBOE to create a process for the award of uniform postsecondary credit to eligible service members or veterans for college-level training and education acquired in the military. The amendment also includes revisions to the Credit-by-Exam Equivalencies document, pursuant to s. 1007.27, F.S.

The rule amendment adopts the Credit or Clock Hour Military Experience Equivalency List (Equivalency List), which identifies postsecondary course equivalencies and the minimum postsecondary credit or career education clock hours that must be awarded for courses taken and for occupations held during an individual's service in the military. Additionally, the amendment adopts an updated Credit-by-Exam Equivalencies document, which includes revised course equivalencies for several International Baccalaureate (IB) exams in mathematics. A copy of the rule and associated lists are attached for your reference.

Action Required

Florida College System (FCS) institutions and district career centers are required to award the minimum credit or clock hours for military experience and courses as designated on the Equivalency List. Each college and career center should review the rule requirements and modify existing policies and procedures related to the assessment and award of credit for military

experience to comply with the provisions. Institutional policies should adhere to the following requirements:

- If a student's military course(s) or occupation(s) are found on the Equivalency List, the institution must award a student credit when the student's record demonstrates that the student earned the required passing score in a military course, or held the rank associated with the occupation, as found on the Equivalency List. Students must also demonstrate required skills for certain courses or occupations, as indicated.
- When credits or clock hours are awarded for military experience, institutions must award the minimum credits or clock hours listed in the fourth or fifth columns of the Equivalency List, respectively, as appropriate toward the applicable program of study.
- To determine the postsecondary courses for which to award credit for military course(s) or occupation(s), institutions must consider each student's program of study and the institution's course offerings within each discipline area. Columns six and seven contain recommended credits by discipline and aligned courses to guide course selection. Credits must be awarded in the following rank order:
 - General education courses;
 - Program-specific courses; and
 - Elective courses.
- Where the student's military course(s) or occupation(s) are not found on the Equivalency List, institutions must evaluate the student's experience using its policies and procedures for awarding military credit or clock hours.

Note that the Equivalency List is based on the current American Council on Education (ACE) Military Guide. If a student completed a military course or held a military occupation included on the list at a time that would fall under a previous ACE guide, institutions are advised to follow the credit recommendations from the appropriate ACE guide that aligns with the time the student completed the course or held the occupation.

Finally, FCS institutions should also update local policies and procedures for the award of credit-by-exam to incorporate the new IB mathematics course equivalencies as identified on the updated list in the rule.

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The Office of Articulation will host a webinar on Wednesday, September 7 at 2 p.m. EST to provide technical assistance on the implementation of this rule amendment. Registration for the webinar is available at: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUud-muqDMoGNeWG-F8KM8RScnv_cEjCZXb

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