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MEMORANDUM:

TO: District Career and Technical Education Directors
District Postsecondary Career and Technical Education Directors
Florida College System Workforce Administrators

FROM: Kevin O’Farrell, Ph.D., Chancellor, Division of Career and Adult Education

DATE: August 24, 2023

SUBJECT: Approval of Rule 6A-6.0576, Florida Administrative Code, CAPE Industry Certification Funding List

On August 23, 2023, the State Board of Education (SBOE) approved an amendment to Rule 6A-6.0576, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), CAPE Industry Certification Funding List. The approval is in accordance with section (s.) 1008.44, Florida Statutes (F.S.), which requires the Department of Education to adopt a CAPE Industry Certification Funding List.

The rule includes the following changes:

1. Adoption of the 2023-2024 CAPE Industry Certification Funding List;
2. Adoption of the 2023-2024 Master Credentials List (MCL) and updates to references to the 2023-24 MCL;
3. Updates to statutory references;
4. Removal of references to CAPE Innovation Courses;
5. Creation of a new subparagraph to address the Department’s role in reviewing and approving CAPE Digital Tool Certificates and adoption of the new FCAPE-05 form submissions;
6. Removal of language limiting the registration of career-themed courses to an approved list of industry certification offerings for each eligible course;
7. Addition of language clarifying lagged reporting of CAPE Industry Certifications;
8. Modification to the FCAPE-04 form to clarify what information should be reported for a testing violation; and
9. Creation of a new section to address student conduct during test administration.

Kevin O’Farrell, Ph.D.
Chancellor of Career and Adult Education

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Action Required

School Districts and Florida College System (FCS) institutions may update their local management information systems to report the new industry certifications for the current reporting year (2023-2024). For school districts, performance funding is lagged one year; therefore, funds may be generated in the 2024-2025 fiscal year based upon reporting of earned certifications in the 2023-2024 reporting year. For FCS institutions, postsecondary performance funding is not lagged; therefore, certifications reported by the funding cut-off in May would be able to generate performance funding for the 2023-2024 disbursement, anticipated for June 2024.

A copy of the rule and associated lists are attached for your reference. An additional 33 new industry certifications and five new digital tools certificates are included on the 2023-2024 CAPE Industry Certification Funding List. See the column titled “New Certifications” on the attached list to identify these credentials. For funding eligibility see columns titled “2022-2023 K-12 FEFP Funding Eligible” and “2022 - 2023 Postsecondary Funding Eligible.”

Please contact Tara Goodman, Vice Chancellor for the Division of Career and Adult Education, at Tara.Goodman@fldoe.org or industrycertification@fldoe.org if you have questions.

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Attachments

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