

**Rule Development
Workshop
6A-6.0576, F.A.C.**



Florida's Workforce Education Initiative

**Division of Career and Adult Education
March 7, 2025**



Agenda

- Overview of Updated Rule Language
- Public Comment

Updated Rule Language



6A-6.0576, Section (5), F.A.C.

- **Title: General requirements for inclusion on the Funding List**
- The following language is being proposed to be added to section (5) of the rule to clarify what the requirements are for inclusion on the CAPE industry certification funding list.
 - (5) General requirements for inclusion on the Funding List for CAPE Industry Certifications, CAPE Acceleration Industry Certifications and any certification approved for CAPE postsecondary funding eligibility.

6A-6.0576, Section (5), F.A.C.

- Paragraph (5)(a) lists the requirements for the 2025-26 CAPE funding list and beyond.
 - (a) Effective for the 2025-26 CAPE Industry Certification Funding List, For inclusion on this list, each certification must be reviewed by the Department for compliance with the following criteria:
 - 1. The certification must result in the award of a time-limited certificate or badge, signed or issued by a representative of the certifying agency, documenting successful completion of written and/or performance-based assessments.
 - 2. The certification must be developed and issued by a third-party certifying agency which is a recognized industry, trade, or professional entity for the occupations to which the credential is linked or a state or federal regulatory body for the related occupations.
 - 3. The certifying agency must require all assessments to be delivered in a proctored environment where assessment delivery is overseen by an authorized individual who ensures the identity of the test taker and the security of the testing environment.
 - 4. The certifying agency must require the exam questions be delivered in a secure manner and not be available to the test proctor for an extended period of time, other than the time necessary to receive, distribute, and return any written materials to the scoring entity.
 - 5. The certifying agency must require that written examinations be scored by the certifying agency.
 - 6. The certifying agency must have a testing time limit established for all written assessments required to earn the industry certification and this requirement must apply to all individuals seeking to earn the certification.
 - 7. The certifying agency must provide publicly available and downloadable documentation related to the standards and requirements on the certifying agency's website. At a minimum, the following information must be publicly posted: test blueprint, minimum performance level(s), proctoring requirements, the exam registration process, and process for approval of accommodations for candidates with documented disabilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADAAA).
 - 8. The industry certification must be obtainable by a candidate for the credential without use of specific courseware or curriculum, notwithstanding any state or federal requirements for a license to practice in an occupation.

6A-6.0576, Section (5), F.A.C.

- Paragraph (5)(b) outlines the process on for providing information if a credential does meet the requirements in paragraph (5)(a) and in paragraph (7).
 - (b) If an industry certification is on the 2024-25 CAPE Industry Certification Funding List and the requirements for inclusion above cannot be documented by July 15, 2025, the certification will be flagged for removal on the 2025-26 funding list and removed from the 2026-27 list. All new industry certifications submitted for consideration for addition to the funding list as specified in paragraph (7) must meet these requirements to be considered for inclusion on the 2025-26 list and subsequent years.

6A-6.0576, Section (5), F.A.C.

- Paragraph (5)(c) outlines the process of providing information for credentials flagged for removal to remain on the funding list. The paragraph also outlines the process for removal of a credentials that do not meet the criteria in paragraphs (5)(a) and (7).
 - (c) For any credential flagged for removal from the next year's funding list, school districts may submit documentation and request an updated review to verify a certification's compliance with these eligibility requirements by the last business day in November each year. Requests for review must be submitted in writing to industrycertification@fldoe.org. Upon receipt of the request, the Department will conduct a review of publicly available documentation for the certification. At the conclusion of the review and if a certification's eligibility is substantiated, the flag will be removed in the next scheduled rule amendment or on the adopted listed for the subsequent year.

6A-6.0576, Section (11), F.A.C.

- **Title: Conditions for FEFP calculation of the 0.3 FTE for Career Pathways Completion.**
- The following language was added to paragraph (11)(d) to clarify the calculation of the 0.3 FEFP.
 - The sentence at the end of paragraph (11)(d)1. clarifies when the certification and course activity need to take place for the 0.3 funding.
 - To be used for this calculation, the completion of the third or more course toward concentrator status and attainment of the industry certification in the related program must have occurred after July 1, 2023.
 - (11)(d)2. and (11)(d)3. where combined with the addition of language at the end to clarify that the student must have had activity while enrolled in the district for the 0.3 funding.
 - 2. A student must have satisfied the requirements to be a CTE Concentrator in a program identified on the Secondary Career and Technical Education Programs and Associated Courses with Dual Enrollment Course Substitutions and completed an industry certification related to the CTE program of concentration as approved on the Secondary Career and Technical Education Program to Certification Linkage List while enrolled in the district.

Comments



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Next Steps

- Finalize rule will be posted here:
- <https://web02.fldoe.org/Rules/>.
- Anticipated adoption at the April 9, 2025 State Board of Education Meeting.