

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Consent Item

October 25, 2018

SUBJECT: Amendment to Rule 6A-4.0021, Florida Teacher Certification Examinations

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1012.59(3), Florida Statutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 1012.59(3), Florida Statutes, requires the State Board of Education to waive initial general knowledge, professional education, and subject area examination fees for current active duty military service members; honorably discharged military service members; and the spouses of current active duty, honorably discharged military service members, or the surviving spouses of such members who were serving on active duty at the time of death.

The proposed amendment to this rule is the addition of rule language to waive initial general knowledge, professional education, and subject area examination fees for current active duty military service members; honorably discharged military service members; and the spouses of current active duty, honorably discharged military service members, or the surviving spouses of such members who were serving on active duty at the time of death.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6A-4.0021, F.A.C.

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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) through (12) No changes.

(13) Military Testing Fee Waivers.

(a) An individual is eligible for a waiver from the department for the first-time testing fees prescribed in paragraphs (4)(a-e) of this rule, if he or she:

1. is a member of the U.S. Armed Forces or a reserve component thereof who is serving, or has served, on active duty or is the spouse of such a service member;

2. is an honorably discharged veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces or an honorably discharged veteran of a reserve component thereof who served on active duty or is the spouse or surviving spouse of such a service member; or

3. is the surviving spouse of a member of the U.S. Armed Forces or a reserve component thereof who was serving on active duty at the time of death.

(b) To apply for a testing fee waiver, a request must be submitted via the Department of Education, Educator Certification website at <http://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/military/> along with documentation establishing that the applicant meets the requirements for a testing fee waiver per paragraph (13)(a) of this rule. The following chart lists the required documentation.

<u>BASIS FOR WAIVER OF FEE</u>	<u>DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED</u>
<u>Member of Armed Forces</u>	<u>Military ID card</u>
<u>Spouse of member of Armed Forces</u>	<u>Military dependent ID card (DD Form 1173)</u>
<u>Member of reserves, serving or served active duty</u>	<u>Military ID card and Activity Duty Report (DD Form 220) or Military ID card and orders for active duty</u>
<u>Spouse of member of reserves, serving or served active duty</u>	<u>Military dependent ID card (DD Form 1173) or Military dependent ID card (DD Form 1173-1) and spouse's DD Form 220 or spouse's orders for active duty</u>
<u>Honorably discharged veteran</u>	<u>Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214 Member 4)</u>
<u>Spouse or surviving spouse of honorably discharged</u>	<u>DD Form 214 Member 4 of spouse and marriage certificate</u>

<u>veteran</u>	
<u>Honorably discharged veteran of reserves, served active duty</u>	<u>DD Form 214 Member 4</u>
<u>Spouse of honorably discharged veteran of reserves, served active duty</u>	<u>DD Form 214 Member 4 of spouse and marriage certificate</u>
<u>Surviving spouse of member of armed forces on active duty at time of death</u>	<u>Official documentation from Department of Defense</u>
<u>Surviving spouse of member of reserves on active duty at time of death</u>	<u>Official documentation from Department of Defense</u>

(c) Additional documentation. Where the required documentation submitted does not establish eligibility, due to a name change or other circumstance, the applicant will be notified by the Department within ninety (90) days and afforded the opportunity to submit additional documentation to verify eligibility.

(d) All documents submitted to verify eligibility for military testing fee waivers will be retained in the certification record maintained by the department and will not be returned to the applicant. Approval for military testing fee waivers remain valid for five (5) years from the date issued unless a document used to verify indicates an earlier expiration date or end date of its validity and in that case, validity of the testing fee waiver expires when the verifying document expires. In no case shall a person use or attempt to use a testing fee waiver if the person does not meet the eligibility criteria set forth in section 1012.59(3), F.S.

(e) Fees for retake examinations under subsection (4) of this rule may not be waived. Subsequent registration for any examination under subsection (4) of this rule taken before July 1, 2018, will be considered a retake and not eligible for a fee waiver under this section.

Rulemaking Authority 1012.55(1), 1012.56, 1012.59 FS. Law Implemented 1012.55, 1012.56, 1012.59 FS. History—New 8-27-80, Amended 1-11-82, 1-6-83, 5-3-83, 10-5-83, 10-15-84, Formerly 6A-4.021, Amended 12-25-86, 4-26-89, 4-16-90, 7-10-90, 4-22-91, 10-3-91, 8-10-92, 11-28-93, 4-12-95, 7-1-96, 9-30-96, 10-1-99, 7-17-00, 7-16-01, 3-24-02, 7-16-02, 3-24-03, 7-21-03, 12-23-03, 7-13-04, 5-24-05, 5-23-06, 5-21-07, 5-19-08, 7-21-08, 7-9-09, 6-22-10, 6-21-11, 11-22-11, 8-23-12, 5-21-13, 10-22-13, 2-25-14, 12-23-14, 7-28-15, 10-26-15, 7-26-16, 2-20-17, 8-20-17, 5-16-18.