

6A-4.002 General Provisions.

(1) through (3) No change.

(4) Examinations. The examinations used for demonstration of mastery of general knowledge, professional education competence, and subject area knowledge shall be aligned with student standards approved by the State Board of Education pursuant to Sections 1012.56(4) and (9)(f), F.S., and Rule 6A-1.09401, F.A.C.

(a) through (f) No Change.

(g) An educator who has taken and failed the General Knowledge (GK) Test found in Rule 6A-4.0021, F.A.C., is eligible for a waiver of the GK Test if:

1. Subsequent to failing the GK Test, the educator was provided three or more years of support and instruction designed to help the educator pass the GK Test;

2. The educator's final summative rating under Section 1012.34, F.S., was either effective or highly effective for each of the three most recent years that the educator was rated; and

3. A school district or charter school submits to the Department's Bureau of Educator Certification, the Form entitled "General Knowledge Test Waiver," Form No. CT-134, providing assurances that the requirements listed in this paragraph have been met. This form, effective August 2023 (DOS link), is incorporated by reference. A copy may be obtained at <https://fl-ect.fldoe.org> and submitted to edcertpartnerline@fldoe.org.

(h) An educator seeking to satisfy mastery of professional preparation and education competence by means of completion of a professional education competency program specified in Section 1012.56(6)(f), F.S., is eligible to waive the Professional Education Test found in Rule 6A-4.0021, F.A.C., if:

1. The educator successfully completes the professional preparation courses found in Rule 6A-4.006(2)(a), F.A.C.;

2. The educator successfully completes a professional education competency (PEC) program specified in Section 1012.56(9), F.S.;

3. The educator's final summative rating under Section 1012.34, F.S., was either effective or highly effective for three years; and

4. A school district or charter school submits to the Department's Bureau of Educator Certification the Form entitled "Professional Education Test Waiver," Form No. CT-135, providing assurances that the requirements listed in subparagraphs 1.-3. have been met. This form, effective August 2023 (DOS link), is incorporated by reference. A

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(i) An educator seeking to satisfy mastery of professional preparation and education competence by means of completion of a professional learning certification program specified in Section 1012.56(6)(g), F.S., or a competency-based certification program specified in Section 1012.56(6)(h), F.S., is eligible to waive the Professional Education Test found in Rule 6A-4.0021, F.A.C., if:

1. The educator successfully completes the applicable program; and

2. The educator's final summative rating under Section 1012.34, F.S., is highly effective.

(5) through (6) No change.

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