

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Consent Item**  
January 21, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-4.0051, Renewal and Reinstatement of a Professional Certificate

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For Approval

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

Section 1012.585, Florida Statutes

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Rule 6A-4.0051, FAC., is recommended for amendment to insert provisions due to statutory changes, propose changes to streamline regulatory implementation, and update language for clarity.

Changes are proposed to:

- Update language to simplify and clarify the general requirement for use of college credits, inservice training, and subject area tests for renewal.
- Insert the requirement to earn one college credit in the instruction of students with disabilities for applicants for certificate renewal on or after July 1, 2014.
- Insert the requirement to earn one college credit in the instruction of students with disabilities for applicants for reinstatement of an expired professional certificate on or after July 1, 2014.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Proposed Rule 6A-4.0051, Renewal and Reinstatement of a Professional Certificate

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#### **6A-4.0051 Renewal and Reinstatement of a Professional Certificate.**

A professional certificate is renewed or reinstated and certification coverages retained on the certificate in accordance with the following provisions:

(1) through (2) No change.

(3) General requirements.

(a) All requirements necessary for the renewal of a certificate shall be completed during the last validity period of the certificate to be renewed and prior to the expiration date of the certificate. College credits, inservice training and subject area tests used to satisfy requirements for issuance of the initial professional certificate shall not be used for renewal of the professional certificate. Requirements for the first renewal shall be completed subsequent to the date that the application for the certificate was received in the Bureau of Educator Certification, Florida Department of Education, or subsequent to the beginning validity date shown on the certificate, or subsequent to the date eligibility was established for the first professional certificate, whichever is later.

(b) through (d) No change.

(e) A certification coverage which has been deleted from a professional certificate shall be added to the certificate when requirements specified in subsection 6A-4.004(65), F.A.C., have been completed.

(f) through (5) No change.

(6) Special provisions for training in the instruction of students with disabilities.

(a) As a component of the credit requirements specified under paragraph (1)(a) of this rule, an educator whose application for renewal is received on or after July 1, 2014, must have earned at least one (1) college credit, twenty (20) inservice points, or a combination thereof, in the instruction of students with disabilities during the last validity period of the certificate to be renewed and prior to the expiration date of the certificate.

(b) As specified in paragraph (1)(b) of this rule, a passing score earned on a subject area test during the validity period of the professional certificate to be renewed on the Exceptional Student Education (Grades K-12), Hearing Impaired (Grades K-12), Visually Impaired (Grades K-12), or Speech-Language Impaired (Grades K-12) subject area exam may be used to satisfy the requirement for credit in the instruction of students with disabilities when certification coverage for the instruction of students with disabilities is shown on the professional certificate.

(c) An educator may earn acceptable credit for training in any certification subject area related to the instruction of students with disabilities, including, but not limited to, hearing impaired, speech-language impaired, and visually

impaired, to satisfy the requirement for credit in the instruction of student with disabilities. Acceptable credit in the instruction of students with disabilities may be applied to retain any specialization area on the professional certificate to be renewed.

(d) In accordance with paragraph (1)(c) of this rule, national board certification in an Exceptional Needs Specialist subject area satisfies the requirement for the instruction of students with disabilities.

(7) ~~(6)~~ Reinstatement of a professional certificate. The Department may reinstate an expired professional certificate if the certificate holder:

(a) Completes the application requirements as specified in Rule 6A-4.0012, F.A.C.,

(b) Satisfies the fingerprint requirement as specified in subparagraph 6A-4.004(1)(a)3., F.A.C.,

(c) Documents completion of six (6) semester hours of college credit during the five (5) years immediately preceding reinstatement of the expired certificate, completion of one hundred twenty (120) inservice points, or a combination thereof, as specified in paragraph (1)(a) of this rule, ~~and~~

(d) During the five (5) years immediately preceding reinstatement of the certificate, achieves a passing score on the subject area examination for each subject to be shown on the reinstated certificate. Only subjects currently issued by the Department may be shown on a reinstated certificate, and :

(e) An educator whose application for reinstatement is received on or after July 1, 2014, must have earned at least one (1) college credit or the equivalent inservice points in the instruction of students with disabilities during the five (5) years immediately preceding reinstatement of the expired certificate.

Rulemaking Authority 1001.02, 1012.55, 1012.585 FS. Law Implemented ~~4001.02, 4012.54, 1012.55, 1012.585 FS.~~

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