

6A-4.004 Florida Educator's Certificates with Academic, Administrative, Degreed Career and Technical, and Specialty Class Coverages.

A Florida educator's certificate is issued to an applicant with academic, administrative, degreed career and technical, and specialty class coverages as specified below.

(1) Temporary certificate.

(a) No change.

(b) Expired temporary certificates. A new five-year nonrenewable temporary certificate may be issued to an applicant who satisfies all the following:

1. through 2. No change.

~~(c) Extensions to temporary certificates. When an individual has not met requirements for the professional certificate the Commissioner shall grant a one time extension to the validity of the temporary certificate based upon the following criteria:~~

~~1. The individual must submit a completed CG 10 application and fee per Rule 6A 4.0012, F.A.C., before the temporary certificate is expired for more than one (1) school fiscal year; and~~

~~2. The district school superintendent or governing authority of a university lab school, state supported school, or private school must submit a request on behalf of the individual written on official letterhead, addressed to the Commissioner of Education and delivered to the Bureau of Educator Certification, Room 201, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, requesting extension of the temporary certificate for two (2) additional years based on evidence that during the validity of the temporary certificate:~~

~~a. The employee experienced serious illness or serious injury, resulting in unexpected hardship that prevented the employee from satisfying all requirements for the professional certificate;~~

~~b. The employee experienced extenuating circumstances resulting in unexpected hardship that prevented the employee from satisfying all requirements for the professional certificate;~~

~~c. The employee's spouse served on active duty as a member of the United States Armed Forces or a related reserve component resulting in unexpected hardship that prevented the employee from satisfying all requirements for the professional certificate;~~

~~d. The employee earned a summative rating of highly effective as specified in Rule 6A 5.030, F.A.C., on the immediate prior year's performance evaluation pursuant to Section 1012.34, F.S., or~~

~~e. The employee successfully completed a two-year mentorship program approved by the Department of Education per Section 1012.56(8), F.S.~~

(2) Temporary military veterans certificate.

(a) The five-year nonrenewable military veterans temporary certificate may be issued once to an applicant who does not qualify for the professional certificate but meets the following requirements:

1. through 5. No change.

(3) Temporary teacher internship certificate. The five-year nonrenewable temporary teacher internship certificate may be issued to an applicant who does not qualify for the professional certificate but meets the following requirements:

(a) Meets the requirements of Section 1012.56(2)(a), (b), (d), (e), and (f), F.S.

(b) Holds a valid official statement of status of eligibility as specified in Section 1012.56(1), F.S., which reflects that the applicant has satisfied specialization requirements.

(c) Enrolled in a state-approved teacher preparation program under Section 1004.04, F.S., and Rule 6A-5.066, F.A.C.;

(d) Actively completing the required program field experience or internship at a public school;

(e) Completes the subject area content requirements specified in state board rule or demonstrates mastery of subject area knowledge as provided in Section 1012.56(5), F.S.

(f) Documents at least sixty (60) college credits earned with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, in lieu of a bachelor's degree, by submitting an official transcript per Rule 6A-4.003, F.A.C.; and

(g) Satisfies the fingerprint requirement per sub-subparagraph (1)(a)3.a. of this rule.

~~(4) (3) Professional certificate.~~

(a) through (c) No change.

~~(5) (4) Nonrenewable certificates covering speech-language impaired.~~

(a) through (b) No change.

~~(6) (5) Certificates covering only athletic coaching (Grades K-12).~~

(a) through (c) No change

~~(7) (6) Special temporary certificate covering only educational leadership.~~

(a) through (c) No change

(8) ~~(7)~~ Restricted professional certificate.

(a) through (b) No change

(9) ~~(8)~~ Addition of subjects to a professional certificate. A subject may be added to a valid renewable professional certificate when an applicant meets the following requirements:

(a) through (b) No change.

(10) ~~(9)~~ Addition of endorsements. An endorsement may be added to a valid five-year nonrenewable temporary or renewable professional certificate when an applicant meets the following requirements:

(a) through (b) No change

(11) ~~(10)~~ Expired certificates.

(a) through (d) No change.

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