

6A-4.0021 Florida Teacher Certification Examinations.

(1) through (12) No change.

(13) Military Testing Fee Waivers.

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

1. through 3. No change.

(b) To apply for a military 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 military testing fee waiver per paragraph (13)(a) of this rule. The following chart lists the required documentation.

BASIS FOR WAIVER OF FEE	DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED
Member of Armed Forces	Military ID card
Spouse of member of Armed Forces	Military dependent ID card (DD Form 1173)
Member of reserves	Military ID card or NGB22 Form or DD 256A Form
Spouse of member of reserves	Military dependent ID card (DD Form 1173) or Military dependent ID card (DD Form 1173-1)
Honorably discharged veteran	Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214 Member 4)
Spouse or surviving spouse of honorably discharged veteran	DD Form 214 Member 4 of spouse and marriage certificate
Honorably discharged veteran of reserves	DD Form 214 Member 4, NGB22 Form or DD 256A Form
Spouse of honorably discharged veteran of reserves	DD Form 214 Member 4, NGB22 Form or DD 256A Form of spouse and marriage certificate
Surviving spouse of member of armed forces on active duty at	Official documentation from Department of Defense

time of death	
Surviving spouse of member of reserves at time of death	Official documentation from Department of Defense

(c) No change.

(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 military testing fee waiver expires when the verifying document expires. In no case shall a person use or attempt to use a military 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.

(14) Retired First Responder Testing Fee Waivers.

(a) An individual is eligible for a retired first responder testing fee 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 retired law enforcement officer as defined in Section 943.10(1), F.S.;
2. Is a retired firefighter as defined in Section 633.102(9), F.S.; or
3. Is a retired emergency medical technician or paramedic as defined in Section 401.23, F.S.

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

(c) 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 retired first responder testing fee waivers will be retained in the certification record maintained by the Department and will not be returned to the applicant. Approval for retired

first responder testing fee waivers remain valid for five (5) years from the date issued unless a document used to verify eligibility 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 retired first responder testing fee waiver if the person does not meet the eligibility criteria set forth in Section 1012.59(3), F.S., and this rule.

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