

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Consent Item
January 21, 2014

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-4.004, Florida Educator's Certificates with Academic, Administrative, Degreed Vocational, and Specialty Class Coverages

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1012.55, Florida Statutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Rule 6A-4.004, 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:

- Adopt specific requirements to be eligible for a special temporary certificate in educational leadership.
- Update language to clarify the addition of subjects to a renewable professional certificate.
- Update language to clarify the addition of endorsements to specified certificate types.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6A-4.004, Florida Educator's Certificates with Academic, Administrative, Degreed Vocational, and Specialty Class Coverages

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

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

(1) through (4) No changes.

(5) Special temporary certificate covering only educational leadership.

(a) A special temporary certificate valid for three (3) school fiscal years reflecting educational leadership may be issued to an applicant who meets the following requirements:

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

2. Submits official documentation of a bachelor's degree granted from an accredited or approved institution as specified in Rule 6A-4.003, F.A.C.,

3. Submits acceptable verification approved by the school *district* superintendent, chief administrative officer, or authorized designee of successful employment experience in a full-time executive management or leadership position,

4. Earns a passing score on the Florida Educational Leadership Examination (FELE), as specified in Rule 6A-4.00821, F.A.C., administered on or after January 1, 2014,

5. Obtains full-time employment as specified in subparagraph (1)(a)2., of this rule, and

6. Submits fingerprint reports as specified in subparagraph (1)(a)3., of this rule.

(b) A person operating under a special temporary certificate covering educational leadership must be under the mentorship of a school administrator with certification under the Florida School Leaders Certification program as specified in Rule 6A-4.0081, F.A.C. A request for issuance of the special temporary certificate covering educational leadership shall be submitted to the Department on which the employer must attest to provide a state-certified school administrator, designated as the applicant's mentor during the term of the special temporary certificate.

(c) An applicant who holds a special temporary certificate covering only educational leadership, or held the same which has expired, may be issued a professional certificate provided all requirements for the professional certificate in effect at the time the application is filed have been completed, as specified in subsection (2) of this rule, which includes satisfying the specialization requirements for Educational Leadership as specified in Rule 6A-4.0082, F.A.C.

(6) ~~(5)~~ 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) Completes application requirements as specified in Rule 6A-4.0012, F.A.C., and

(b) Demonstrates mastery of the subject matter as specified in Section 1012.56(5), F.S., for each subject to be added to a professional certificate.

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

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

(b) Satisfies the specialization requirements specified in the rules of the Florida State Board of Education for

each endorsement to be added to the certificate.

(8) ~~(7)~~ Expired certificates.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) An applicant whose professional certificate has been expired may reinstate the professional certificate if requirements are completed as specified in subsection 6A-4.0051~~(7)~~ (6), F.A.C.

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