

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Action Item

May 16, 2018

SUBJECT: Amendment to Rule 6A-4.00821, Florida Educational Leadership Examination

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1012.56(9), F.S.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 1012.56(9), Florida Statutes requires the State Board of Education to specify, by rule, the examination scores required for the issuance of a professional certificate and temporary certificate. Such rules must define examination competencies and establish uniform evaluation guidelines and passing scores for the Florida Educational Leadership Examination.

Rule 6A-4.00821, F.A.C., fulfills the above requirement by providing a description of test administration requirements. These requirements describe rules and regulations for test administration and for maintaining test security.

A description of the processes used to make these updates follows.

The Department's Office of Assessment develops and administers the Florida Teacher Certification Examinations (FTCE) and the Florida Educational Leadership Examination (FELE). These examinations include:

- Florida Education Leadership Examination (FELE) subtests in Leadership for Student Learning, Organizational Development, and Systems Leadership;
- General Knowledge (GK) subtests in Reading, Writing, English Language Skills, and Mathematics;
- Professional Education (PEd) with a focus on pedagogy and professional practices; and
- Subject Area Examinations (SAE) with 41 subject areas.

Accepted professional practice for assessment programs such as FTCE and FELE requires the periodic review of all program aspects impacted by State Board rule.

The first change proposed in this rule revision is the addition of rule language limiting how often examinees may retake an examination, subtest, or section for which they have received a passing score.

Examinees who attempt to retake a Florida Educational Leadership Examination, subtest, or section for which they have already received a passing score. These examinees will be able to retake an examination, subtest, or section that they have passed after a waiting period of three (3) years. This will allow people who wish to take an examination for certificate renewal to do so, while avoiding potential test security issues by limiting unnecessary item and form exposure to individuals who repeatedly take an examination.

Recent trends in examinee retake data indicate that some examinees are retaking examinations, subtests, or sections of examinations repeatedly, despite having already received passing scores for those examinations, subtests, or sections. Limitations on how often examinees may retake examinations, subtests, or sections are necessary in order to protect the integrity of the examinations.

The second change proposed is to update rule language to align with current communication practice regarding admission to examinations.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6A-4.00821, F.A.C., and PowerPoint presentation (under separate cover)

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6A-4.00821 Florida Educational Leadership Examination.

(1) through (2) No change.

(3) Administration of the examination.

(a) through (d) No change.

(e) An examinee may not retake a passed examination, subtest, or section unless:

1. At least three (3) years have elapsed since the previous administration of the passed examination, subtest, or section;

2. The State Board of Education has adopted new competencies and skills for the field; or

3. The examinee has applied for reinstatement of an expired professional certification, pursuant to 6A-4.0051 (7), FAC.

(4) No change.

(5) Admission. The test administration agency shall provide each applicant with electronic communication ~~an admission ticket~~ specifying the examination site, date, and time. This communication will also stipulate ~~The admission ticket and other~~ identification are required for entrance into the examination site. ~~The other identification shall be specified on the admission ticket.~~ An applicant who arrives after the examination has begun shall not be admitted until the start of the next subtest of the examination.

(6) through (9) No change.

(10) Review.

(a) No change.

(b) Score Verification Sessions. An examinee who fails one (1) or more subtests of the examination within ten (10) scale score points of the passing scale score (200) may review only those incorrect test items and performance assessments contained within each subtest of the examination meeting these criteria and bring to the Florida Department of Education's attention, via the test administration agency, any scoring errors which may result in a scoring change ~~passing score~~. The procedures for test review are as follows:

1. through 2. No change.

3. The examinee shall be provided electronic communication ~~an admission ticket~~ that contains the location, date and time for the examinee's score verification session.

4. During the score verification session, the examinee shall file with the Florida Department of Education via

the test administration agency a statement of specific scoring errors which may result in a scoring change ~~passing score~~.

5. through 7. No change.

Rulemaking Authority 1012.56, 1012.59 FS. Law Implemented 1012.56, 1012.59 FS. History--New 12-25-86, Amended 1-11-89, 5-19-98, 10-6-99, 7-17-00, 7-16-01, 3-24-02, 10-17-02, 3-24-03, 7-21-03, 6-22-04, 5-19-08, 7-21-08, 9-6-09, 12-16-12, 12-3-13, 12-23-14.