

**6A-4.0021 Florida Teacher Certification Examinations.**

(1) No change.

(2) Description of the examinations and competencies to be demonstrated.

(a) and (b) No change.

(c) The following competencies are to be demonstrated by means of the written examinations:

1. ~~Between October 1, 2020, and May 31, 2022, the general knowledge competencies and skills contained in the publication “Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida, Twenty-Fifth Edition,” (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10344>), which is incorporated by reference and made part of this rule effective October 1, 2020. Beginning June 1, 2022, and December 31, 2022,~~ the general knowledge competencies and skills contained in the publication “Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida, Twenty-Sixth Edition,” (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-14164>), ~~which~~ is incorporated by reference and made part of this rule effective June 1, 2022. Beginning January 1, 2023, the general knowledge competencies and skills contained in the publication “Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida, Twenty-Seventh Edition,” (DOS Link), which is incorporated by reference and made part of this rule effective January 1, 2023. These publications may be obtained by contacting the Division of Accountability, Research and Measurement, Department of Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400.

2. ~~Between October 1, 2020, and May 31, 2022, the professional education competencies and skills contained in the publication “Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida, Twenty-Fifth Edition,” (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10344>), which is incorporated by reference and made part of this rule effective October 1, 2020. Beginning June 1, 2022, and December 31, 2022,~~ the professional education competencies and skills contained in the publication “Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida, Twenty-Sixth Edition,” (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-14164>), which is incorporated by reference and made part of this rule effective June 1, 2022. Beginning January 1, 2023, the professional education competencies and skills contained in the publication “Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida, Twenty-Seventh Edition,” (DOS Link), which is incorporated by reference and made part of this rule effective January 1, 2023. These publications may be obtained by contacting the Division of Accountability, Research and Measurement, Department of Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida

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3. Between ~~October 1, 2020, and May 31, 2022~~, the subject area competencies and skills contained in the publication “Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida, Twenty-Fifth Edition,” (~~<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10344>~~), which is incorporated by reference and made part of ~~this rule effective October 1, 2020. Beginning~~ June 1, 2022, and December 31, 2022, the subject area competencies and skills contained in the publication “Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida, Twenty-Sixth Edition,” (<http://www.rules.org/Gateway/reference/asp?No=Ref-14164>), which is incorporated by reference and made part of this rule effective June 1, 2022. Beginning January 1, 2023, the subject area competencies and skills contained in the publication “Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida, Twenty-Seventh Edition,” (DOS Link), which is incorporated by reference and made part of this rule effective January 1, 2023. These publications may be obtained by contacting the Division of Accountability, Research and Measurement, Department of Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400.

(3) Administration of the examinations.

(a) through (d) No change.

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

1. through 2. No change.

3. The examinee has applied for reinstatement of an expired professional certification, pursuant to subsection 6A-4.0051(8)(7), F.A.C.

(4) through (8) No change.

(9) Scoring of the subject area specialty examinations.

(a) through (aa) No change.

(bb) Effective January 1, 2023, the passing score for the subject area specialty examinations listed below shall be a scaled score of at least two hundred (200). This scaled score shall be equivalent to the following raw scores on the test forms used for standard setting and administered between September 2021 and March 2022:

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
<u>Deaf or Hard of Hearing K–12</u>	<u>60 correct items</u>
<u>School Counseling PK–12</u>	<u>66 correct items</u>

<u>School Psychologist PK-12</u>	<u>70 correct items</u>
<u>Visually Impaired K-12</u>	<u>71 correct items</u>

(cc) ~~(bb)~~ The Commissioner of Education shall review the passing score for each of the General Knowledge Subtests, each of the subject area specialty examinations, and the professional education test not less than once every five (5) years and determine whether to recommend to the State Board of Education to maintain or change the existing passing scores.

(10) through (12) No change.

(13) Military Testing Fee Waivers.

(a) An individual is eligible for a 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 member of the U.S. Armed Forces or a reserve component thereof who is serving, or has served, on active duty or is the spouse of such a service member;
2. Is an honorably discharged veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces or an honorably discharged veteran of a reserve component thereof ~~who served on active duty~~ or is the spouse or surviving spouse of such a service member; or
3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the U.S. Armed Forces or a reserve component thereof who was serving on active duty at the time of death.

(b) To apply for a 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 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, <del>serving or served active duty</del>	Military ID card or NGB22 Form or DD 256A Form <del>and Activity Duty Report (DD Form 220) or Military ID card and orders for active duty</del>

Spouse of member of reserves, <del>servicing or served active duty</del>	Military dependent ID card (DD Form 1173) or Military dependent ID card (DD Form 1173-1) <del>and spouse's DD Form 220 or spouse's orders for active duty</del>
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, <del>served active duty</del>	DD Form 214 Member 4, <u>NGB22 Form or DD 256A Form</u>
Spouse of honorably discharged veteran of reserves, <del>served active duty</del>	DD Form 214 Member 4, <u>NGB22 Form or DD 256A Form</u> of spouse and marriage certificate
Surviving spouse of member of armed forces on active duty at time of death	Official documentation from Department of Defense
Surviving spouse of member of reserves <del>on active duty</del> at time of death	Official documentation from Department of Defense

(c) through (e) No change.

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