



Support for Charter Schools: Educator Certification

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Navigating Through Certification

Certification and Endorsements

- Professional Certificate (Renewable)
- Temporary Certificate (Nonrenewable)
- Endorsements
 - Is a rider to Florida certificate with a full subject coverage and denotes a particular expertise in an instructional level or methodology.

Temporary Certification Pathways

- Temporary Teacher Internship Certification

- Effective July 1, 2023, Florida issues a five-year Temporary Teacher Internship Certificate for individuals who are enrolled in a state-approved teacher preparation program.
- The initial steps will include the following:
 - Contact school district
 - Create a Florida Educator Certification Online Account
 - Submit the Temporary Teacher Internship Certificate Application and pay fee
 - Submit an official transcript (mailed or electronically through FASTER and SPEEDE)
 - Submit a letter on college/university letterhead documenting enrollment in a state-approved teacher preparation program with an in-progress field experience or internship at a public school under Section 1004.04, F.S., and Rule 6A-5.066, F.A.C.
 - District submits an issue request to DOE for issuance of the Temporary Teacher Internship Certificate.

Temporary Certification Pathways

- Temporary Teacher Apprenticeship Certification
 - Approved by State Board of Education on October 18, 2023.
 - Temporary teacher apprenticeship certificate.
 - A five-year nonrenewable temporary teacher apprenticeship certificate requirements:
 - Meets the requirements of Section 1012.56(2)(a), (b), (d), (e), and (f), F.S.;
 - Holds an associate degree with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0.
 - Must be selected by a participating employer to participate in the Teacher Apprenticeship Program.
 - Must have been accepted by the Florida postsecondary institution offering related instruction for the participating employer's Teacher Apprenticeship Program.
 - Must be appointed by the district school board or charter school governing board or designee as an education paraprofessional.
 - Satisfies the fingerprint requirement.

Certification Steps

- Create a new or login to your existing online account
 - <https://flcertify.fldoe.org/datamart/mainMenu.do>
- Submit the application
- Submit payment for processing

What documents should applicants attach to their applications?

Attach

- Out-of-State Certificates
- Practicum Verification Letters
- College Teaching Experience Letters
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Score Report

Do Not Attach

- Transcripts
- Resume
- In-service Records and Certificates of Completion
- Florida Teacher Certification Exam (FTCE) Official or Unofficial Score Reports

Processing Timelines for Complete Applications

- The 90-day statutory requirement begins when the application is complete per 1012.56(a), Florida Statutes
- Complete applications include:
 - A completed and submitted CG-10 application (including complete legal disclosure).
 - Receipt of official transcripts from an accredited institution reflecting the conferral of at least a bachelor's degree.
 - Submission of the associated processing fee.



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Legislative Updates

2023 Legislative Session

- [House Bill 1](#): Education
- [Senate Bill 240](#): Education
- [House Bill 443](#): Education
- [House Bill 1035](#): K-12 Teachers
- [House Bill 1125](#): Interstate Education Compacts
- [House Bill 1537](#): Education
- [House Bill 7039](#): Student Outcomes

Adjunct Teaching Certification

- Charter school governing boards are allowed to issue adjunct teaching certificates.
- Adjunct teaching certification applicants shall demonstrate subject area mastery expertise through passage of a subject area test or an achieved industry certification in the subject area to be taught.
- Adjunct teaching certification is for a period of five years.

Questions?





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Educator Certification Rules

Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.)

- Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.):
<https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ChapterHome.asp?Chapter=6a-4>
- Rule Development for Educator Certification:
www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/ed-certification-rule-dev/
- State Board Rules Under Review site:
web02.fldoe.org/Rules/Default.aspx

Rules that Impact Educator Certification

- 6A-4.002 General Provisions
- 6A-4.003 Degrees, Programs, and Credits
- 6A-4.004 Florida Educator's Certificates with Academic, Administrative, Degreed Career and Technical, and Specialty Class Coverages
- 6A-4.0012 Application Information
- 6A-4.0051 Renewal and Reinstatement of a Professional Certificate

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Resources

Educator Resources

- Contact Us:
www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/staff-contact/
- Educators and applicants should complete the online technical assistance form:
www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/staff-contact/technical-contact-us.shtml



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