

## Certificate Renewal Requirements

### Professional Certificates

- A total of 120 in-service points are required to renew a certificate. Six semester hours of college credit (two college courses of three credits) or the equivalent must be earned during each renewal period. Sixty in-service points are equivalent to three semester hours of college credit. For more than four subjects (excluding endorsements), you will need an additional three semesters of college credit or the equivalent of sixty in-service points.
- 20 of the 120 component points must be in Exceptional Student Education/Students with Disabilities (ESE/SWD). The requirement does not add to the total hours required by the Department of Education for continuing education or in-service training.
- A passing score on the Florida subject area test specific to the coverage to be renewed is equivalent to three semester hours of college credit for renewal purposes.
- A passing score on a new subject area test, taken within the certificate validity period and added to the teaching certificate, can be used for renewal purposes.
- A valid certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) will renew the Florida certificate only in the subject shown on the national certificate for as long as the national certificate remains valid.
- Teaching a college course at an acceptable institution may be accepted as credit earned for that course.

### **FLDOE: [Rule 6A-4.0051](#) Renewal and Reinstatement of a Professional Certificate**

**NEW REQUIREMENT**-An educator whose application for renewal of a certificate with a beginning validity date of **July 1, 2020**, or thereafter, must have earned at least two (2) college credits, or **forty (40) in-service points** in evidence-based instruction and interventions per Rule 6A-6.053, F.A.C., specifically designed for students with characteristics of dyslexia, including the use of explicit, systematic, and sequential approaches to reading instruction, developing phonological and phonemic awareness, decoding, and implementing multisensory intervention strategies if the educator is renewing any of the following coverage:

- Elementary Education (K-6)
- Prekindergarten/Primary Education (Age 3-Grade 3)
- Elementary Education (1-6)
- Exceptional Student Education (K-12)
- Primary Education (K-3)
- English (1-6)
- Middle Grades English (5-9)
- Middle Grades Integrated Curriculum (5-9)
- English (6-12)
- Reading (K-12)
- Reading Endorsement
- ESOL (K-12)

BPS maintains a [list of district approved courses](#) to meet this training requirement.

## **NEW REQUIREMENT**

House Bill 1537 amended [Section 1012.585](#), Florida Statutes (F.S.), requiring educators that hold a certification coverage in Educational Leadership (Level I) or School Principal (Level II) with a **certification expiration date of June 30, 2025, or thereafter**, to earn 1 college credit or 20 in-service points in the Florida Educational Leadership Standards, as established in rule by the State Board of Education. The leadership standards are incorporated in Rule 6A-5.080, Florida Administrative Code.

The new educational leadership in-service points requirement is not adding to the current 120 in-service points requirement but rather specifying that a portion of the learning school leaders receive is aligned to the leadership standards, or what school leaders should know and be able to do.

## **Late Renewal**

Late renewal of a professional only applies to teachers whose professional certificate has expired for no more than one year. All renewal credits must have been earned during the certificate's validity period to be eligible for late renewal. An application with a late fee must be submitted to the FLDOE. Contact the district in which in-service points were earned to be submitted to the state.

## **Reinstatement Requirements**

Reinstatement of a professional certificate pertains to teachers whose professional certificate has expired beyond 12 months. To reinstate a professional certificate, a teacher needs:

- An application for reinstatement submitted to the FLDOE
- A passing score on the Florida Subject Area Examination (<http://www.fl.nesinc.com/index.asp>) for each area to be reinstated from the expired certificate (the passing score/s must be earned within the five year validity period immediately preceding the date your reinstatement application is submitted and/or prior to the expiration of the reinstatement application)
- Completion of six semester hours of college credit during the five years immediately preceding the date of the reinstatement application OR
- Completion of 120 in-service points, which must include one college credit or the equivalent of 20 in-service points for Students With Disabilities
  - Any new subjects or endorsements not previously held on an expired certificate (and earned after reapplication for Temporary Certificate/while working on reinstatement requirements) will require an additional application fee of \$75.
- Special Note – Teachers with the subject areas listed above must also meet the 40 hour requirement

Additional questions may be directed to the FLDOE at 1-800-445-6739. If you require technical online support, email [Technical Assistance](#).

Other questions can be directed to the HR Certification Department at 633-1000 or email at [certificationdept@brevardschools.org](mailto:certificationdept@brevardschools.org).