



STAFFING & TALENT MANAGEMENT

RULE 6A-4.0292 – SPECIALIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE READING ENDORSEMENT

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers Regarding Recently Amended Certification Rule

1. **When will teachers be able to apply to add the Reading Endorsement with a passing score on the Reading K-12 subject area exam?**

Since the rule went into effect on December 22, 2019, educators are now able to apply under the new rule.

2. **Are there any stipulations on the date of the exam to be eligible for the endorsement? Will applicants need to re-take the subject area exam for Reading K12?**

As long as the exam is no older than 10 years from date of application and has not been used for issuance of an initial certificate, applicants can use this exam to apply to have the Reading Endorsement added to their certificate.

3. **Will the teachers apply and submit the fee directly through the Bureau of Educator Certification? Or apply through the Bureau of Educator Certification with a district application and submit fee to the district?**

Educators currently employed by a Florida public school district will apply through the Bureau of Educator Certification [Online Licensing Service site](#) with a district application and submit the fee through the district or through FDOE. **Submitting the fee through FDOE will result in a delay in processing of application.**

4. **What is the process for educators who have applied prior to the amended rule going into effect? Will these applicants be able to cancel their applications and apply under the new rule?**

If someone has already applied, but has not received a Statement of Status of Eligibility (SOE), they can cancel their application and re-apply under the new rule. If the applicant has already received an SOE, then an evaluation has already been completed. Therefore, this applicant would not be able to cancel their application and have their fee refunded. For an applicant who has applied for the Reading Endorsement and has not received an SOE, they can cancel their application by emailing FLCertify@fldoe.org, call FDOE helpline (1-800-445-6739) or send an email to the following address: Education.Certification@fldoe.org. The payment can either be refunded, or the payment can be re-applied to the new application submitted. The applicant will need to specify what they want to do when they request the cancellation.



STAFFING & TALENT MANAGEMENT

5. What happens if I am currently enrolled, or already completed, a reading endorsement competency?

If you pass the Reading K-12 exam and use that pathway to add the endorsement, any points from completed reading endorsement courses will be banked and are eligible to use for recertification in future validity periods. If you are currently enrolled in a reading endorsement course, it is recommended that you complete the course as the courses are designed to provide teachers with reading research, theory, and practical application for increased student performance and are aligned to the test specifications for the FTCE Reading K-12 exam.