

FLORIDA CERTIFICATE

TYPES & REQUIREMENTS

VETERAN

Military Veterans Five Year Temporary Certificate

Effective July 1, 2022, Florida issues a 5-year Temporary Certificate for military veterans who have not yet earned their bachelor's degrees **and** meet the following eligibility:

- Minimum of 48 months of active duty military service with an honorable/medical discharge on DD214;
- Minimum of 60 college credits with a 2.5 grade point average on an official transcript;
- Passing score on a Florida subject area examination for bachelor's level subjects which demonstrates mastery of subject area knowledge;
- Employment in a Florida school district, including charter schools, with an assigned mentor; and
- Cleared background screening.

Before applying, complete a waiver request for the [Military Certification Fees Waiver \(MCFW\)](#).

- Military spouses and families are not eligible for this certification pathway.

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ATHLETIC

Athletic Certificate (Grades K-12)

Athletic Coaches require a valid Temporary or Professional or an Athletic Coaching Certificate.

Requirements for a three (3) year Athletic Coaching Certificate reflecting only athletic coaching may be issued to an applicant who meets **the following requirements:**

1. Completes the application requirements as specified in Rule 6A-4.0012, FAC., and
2. Submits a fingerprint report as specified in subparagraph (1)(a)3., of this rule

Requirements for a five (5) year Athletic Coaching Certificate reflecting only athletic coaching may be issued to an applicant who meets **the following requirements:**

1. Completes the application requirements as specified in Rule 6A-4.0012, FAC., and
2. Submits a fingerprint report as specified in subparagraph (1)(a)3., of this rule

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TEMPORARY

Temporary Certificate

A five-year nonrenewable temporary certificate is a certificate that is issued by the state.

The five-year nonrenewable Temporary Certificate may be issued to an applicant who meets **the following requirements:**

- Holds a valid Official Statement of Status of Eligibility that reflects subject area requirements have been met.
- Earns a 2.5 GPA in the subject area requested for the initial area of certification. Provides verification of employment and request for issuance of a certificate on the appropriate certification form from a Florida public, state-supported or nonpublic school, which has an approved Professional Education Competence Program.

Applicants must supply results of fingerprint processing from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the FBI. The certificate is issued after the individual's fingerprints have been cleared. The individual seeking employment in Florida will be assisted in completing the fingerprint process by their employer.

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ADJUNCT

Adjunct Certificate

The district may award an applicant an adjunct certificate to any teaching professional who fulfills application requirements and has expertise in a specified subject area.

Requirements:

- Complete the application process, obtain employment and complete the fingerprint requirement.
- Demonstrate mastery of general knowledge.
- Demonstrate mastery of subject area knowledge.
- Earn college course credits in:
 - Classroom management
 - Effective instructional strategies
 - Educational assessment strategies

**Adjunct Certificates may only be awarded once.*

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PROFESSIONAL

Professional Certificate

The five-year renewable Professional Educator's Certificate is the standard certificate issued by the state of Florida.

Requirements:

- Complete the application process, obtain employment and complete the fingerprint requirement.
- Demonstrate mastery of general knowledge..
- Demonstrate mastery of subject area knowledge.
- Demonstrate mastery of professional preparation and educational competence.

Direct Routes to the Professional Certificate

Route 1: College graduates from a Florida Approved Education Program

Route 2: Experienced teacher from another state

To qualify for a Professional Certificate through this route, the applicant must:

Hold a valid standard certificate from another state.

Apply for Florida certification in the subject(s) shown on the out of state certificate.

Route 3: Nationally Board Certified Teacher

To qualify for a Professional Certificate through this route, the applicant must:

- Hold a valid standard certificate from another state.
- Hold a valid certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS).
- Apply for Florida certification in the subject(s) shown both on the out-of-state certificate and the NBPTS certificate

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