




FASPA Certification Partnership Update

Florida Department of Education
Bureau of Educator Certification
Fall 2008


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Today's Agenda

- Part 1
 - Bureau Update: Beverly
 - Processing Update: Veronica
 - Questions and Answers
- Part 2
 - Employment Screening: David
 - Online Application: David
 - Questions and Answers


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Work 

- September '08 = 12,687 files
(Highest monthly production in a year)
- Overtime and weekends worked
- Went past 30 days in turn around time
- Average # of days = 28
- Getting back on track for 30-day processing



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Work 

Turnover, Turnover, Turnover
Patience and cooperation are greatly appreciated!


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Personnel

- Fingerprinting of DOE Personnel
 - Lost one employee in Intake Unit
- 3 New Production Specialists
 - Jodi Washburn
 - LaDonna Hogue
 - Dax Boatwright
- 1 New Call Center Specialist
 - Urika Kyles
- Vacancies
 - 1 Call Center Specialist
 - 1 Production Specialist
 - Supervisor of Call Center
 - Operations Supervisor

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Rule Changes

6A-4.0083 School Principal

- Charter school employees can now participate in school principal training program

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Rule Changes

Reminder: 6A-4.0243 Foreign Language

- 4 new foreign languages:
Arabic, Farsi, Haitian Creole, and Hindi
- Subject specialization option: American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL)
 - Passing scores on the oral and written proficiency tests above intermediate level in languages for which no Florida subject area examination
 - Satisfies foreign language specialization for Temporary Certificate


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Legislative Change: Senate Bill 1908

- Section 1012.56(5), F.S. renumbered and amended
- Subject mastery requirement for Professional Certificate new option
- ACTFL passing score above intermediate level on oral and written proficiency tests satisfies subject mastery requirement
- ACTFL only for foreign languages for which there is no Florida subject area examination
- CT-114 form verifying essential subject competencies no longer required for ACTFL option
- Need copy of ACTFL certificates
- Effective July 1, 2008


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Processing Update

Veronica


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Fee Increases: Fingerprints

- For fingerprints processed by BEC
- \$1 increase to \$57.25
- For private school teachers
- For U.S. citizens who are
 - Eligible for *Professional Certificate* and
 - Either not pursuing Florida employment or want/need certificate issued prior to Florida employment


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Fee Increases: Certification Exams

- FTCE and FELE
 - Paper-based and Computer-based
 - Taken on or after January 1, 2009
- Subject Area Examinations, Professional Education Test, and General Knowledge (any combination of GK subtests at a single administration)
 - First Attempt: **\$50**
 - Retake: **\$100**
- FELE – any combination of subtests at a single administration
 - First Attempt: **\$85**
 - Retake: **\$100**


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“Old” and “New” FELE

- Applicants who need FELE for Professional Certificate in Educational Leadership must pass:
 - All 3 subtests of “Old” FELE or
 - All 3 subtests of “New” FELE
 - *Cannot* mix and match “Old” and “New” subtests
- Beginning January 1, 2009, only the “New” FELE will be offered!
- Test contractor is “attempting” to reach individuals who have passed one or two “Old” FELE subtests to advise of change
- First attempt at taking “New” FELE = \$85, whether or not “Old” FELE has been taken in the past


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Certification Exams

- All exams, except two, are currently offered in Computer-Based Test (CBT) format
 - German is “coming soon”
 - Marketing is “temporarily unavailable”
- See current CBT list at:
http://www.fl.nesinc.com/FL_Available_CBT.asp
- FLDOE Assessment Office Web site:
<http://www.fldoe.org/asp/ftce/>
- NES Test Registration & Information Web site:
<http://www.fl.nesinc.com/>
- NES public access phone number: 413.256.2893


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SOE Revisions

- Special FELE Message in Educational Leadership SOE advising of change to “New” FELE as of January 1, 2009
- Professional Preparation Course by Course Message advising of courses that must be taken at the upper division or graduate level
- Ongoing SOE improvement project – Send feedback to Veronica

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Renewals: Reminders & Review

College Credit Equivalencies

- 60 MIP inservice points =
3 Semester Hours
- SAE in subject on Professional Certificate =
3 Semester Hours
- NBPTS certificate in a subject on Prof. Cert. =
6 Semester Hours
- Teaching “X” Semester Hr. college credit course =
“X” Semester Hours


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Renewals: Reminders & Review

- District is responsible for processing renewals for its employees
- Exceptions: BEC must process renewal for district employee when
 - Teacher is requesting one-year hardship extension
 - Renewal immediately following the six-year extended certificate
- CT116-E form not needed when your district is processing the renewal, and renewal inservice was completed in your district.
- CT116-E form is needed when your district is verifying renewal inservice, but BEC is processing the renewal.


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Renewals: Reminders & Review

- Teacher earns points in two districts during one validity period and is teaching in one of the districts
 - Points from the non-employing district may be transferred to the employing district (May use BERDR Transfer Form.)
 - Employing district processes the renewal in BEC-PASS
- Teacher earns points in two districts during one validity period and is not teaching in either district
 - Each district submits CT116-E for points earned in the reporting district
 - BEC processes the renewal


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Renewals: Reminders & Review

- Districts have authority to convert college credit to inservice points within MIP at rate of 1 semester hour = 20 points
- College credits and/or SAE completed during current validity period, for the addition of a subject to Professional Certificate, may also be used as renewal credit


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Renewals: Reminders & Review

- Banking ESOL and Reading Points
 - Points earned under Temporary Certificate may be used to renew the first Professional Certificate if no break in continuity between Temporary and Professional Certificate
 - Points earned during validity period of a Professional Certificate may be used to renew subsequent Professional Certificates


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California Certificates

- California no longer prints and mails correspondence and certificates to applicants
- Applicants access correspondence and certificates online
- Applicants can print copies of certificate from California Web site for submission to BEC


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Course Code Directory Contacts

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- **Other Infield Questions**
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 - Eileen McDaniel
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- **Coding, Format, and Other Questions Not Addressed Above**
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Questions and Answers

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