

New State Certification Renewal Requirements **for 2025 and Forward**

See Rule 6A-4.0051 (7) (a) (b) (c) For Professional certificates renewing 2025 and forward, individuals with any of the following coverages listed below will now need 40 Reading points earned within ten years, as well as the 20 SWD (teaching students with disabilities) points, as part of their 120 overall total inservice points to renew (120 total points with 20 of them being SWD and 40 of them being Reading):

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

The only change for individuals with these coverages is 40 of the 120 total points must be Reading, earned within ten years of the expiring certificate. The 20 SWD requirement remains the same and applies to everyone.

If you are renewing a Professional certificate that expires before June 30, 2025, this new rule would not affect you yet. The Professional certificate would need to start July 1, 2020 or later to be affected by the new rule. Also, if you do not have one or more of the affected coverages on your certificate, the new Reading rule would not apply to you.

The Reading inservice needs to be in the use of explicit, systematic, and sequential approaches to reading instruction, developing phonemic awareness, and implementing multisensory intervention.

If you are on a Professional certificate with a validity period of 2020-2025 (expiring June 30, 2025), 2021-2026 (expiring June 30, 2026), or 2022-2027 (expiring June 30, 2027) and you hold one of these coverages, you will need to meet this to renew. If you hold a certificate expiring prior to June 30, 2025, this will not yet apply to you.

Renewal Timeframes

If you renewed for July 1, 2020, the 40 Reading points must be earned by June 30, 2025.

If you renewed for July 1, 2021, the 40 Reading points must be earned by June 30, 2026.

If you renewed for July 1, 2022, the 40 Reading points must be earned by June 30, 2027.

If you will renew for July 1, 2023, the 40 Reading points must be earned by June 30,

2028.

If you will renew for July 1, 2024, the 40 Reading points must be earned by June 30, 2029.

BCSD Available Training

BEES Portal at <https://fl-pda.org/#/home> Go to independent courses and select Reading from the course catalog.

Course 1 – Reading Difficulties, Disabilities, Dyslexia, 20 inservice points.

- Course 2 – Structured Literacy through a multisensory approach, 20 inservice points.

Frequently Asked Questions

I have a valid Professional Certificate in Elementary Education (K-6), and I need to renew in 2023, will I need to have the 40 Reading inservice points for my 2023 renewal? In this example you would not, as this requirement would be for renewing the 2023-2028 professional certificate.

It is my understanding that passing the Reading K-12 exam and adding the Reading Endorsement within the current validity dates will result in the equivalent of 60 points for use toward the overall total point requirement Can this also be used for the new 40 Reading points needed. Unfortunately, the test cannot be used for the new 40 Reading points requirement. It can only be used for 60 overall points towards your renewal requirement.

I have a coverage that requires me to earn the 40 Reading points, but I don't need that coverage and want to drop it. Can I drop that coverage as part of my renewal application for 2025 forward, only pay the one renewal fee, and not need these points? You can drop the coverage as part of your renewal application and not need the points. You would not need to pay any extra fee beyond the renewal cost. However, the coverage cannot be one you need for your position/teaching assignment.

I have 300 banked Reading points, but all of them are over ten years old from the date of my expiring certificate. Can I use them for the 40 Reading points I need? Unfortunately, they cannot be used for the 40 Reading points you need to renew, since they are over ten years old – you would need to complete 40 new Reading points as part of your overall total points. However, those 300 banked Reading points are still valid for the overall total 120 points, and any you don't use will remain banked for that purpose. For example, you can earn 40 new Reading points, earn 20 SWD points, and use 60 of those older banked Reading points to bring you up to the 120 you need, with 240 of them “rolling forward” for future use (assuming you didn't have any regular points).

Can I use college coursework for renewal credit, including the 20 SWD and 40 Reading points?

Yes, you can use college coursework as long as it was completed during the current validity period, and meets the requirements for renewal, for SWD, or for Reading.

I am on a temporary certificate. Will these rules apply to me? If you are on a temporary certificate, your requirements to upgrade to the professional certificate are outlined in your Statement of Status of Eligibility letter the state sent you. Once you upgrade to the professional certificate, then you will need to meet renewal requirements to renew your certificate, as well as the 40 Reading points if you hold one or more of those certification coverages affected by the new rule.

I only hold a Florida Department of Health medical license. Will this apply to me? If you only hold a medical license and not the Florida Professional Educator Certificate, the certificate renewal requirements would not apply to you.

