

# LCS OPTIONS FOR COMPLETING FLORIDA TEACHER CERTIFICATION EXAM (FTCE) REQUIREMENTS

EXAM	OPTIONS	NEXT STEPS
<b>Subject Area Exam (SAE)</b>	<p><b>OPTION 1:</b> A master's degree or higher that matches the area of certification shown on the FL certificate satisfies the SAE, except if certified in Educational Leadership, Reading K- 12, School Counseling, School Psychologist and Speech- Language Impaired.</p> <p><b>OPTION 2:</b> Take and pass the SAE.</p>	<p>Review chart provided by FL Department of Education (FLDOE) to verify if your master's degree or higher satisfies the subject area test:</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Masters Degree to SAE</u></a></p> <p>Submit <b>official</b> transcript for master's degree or higher to the FLDOE.</p> <p>Official Score Report sent directly to the FLDOE by the testing agency. No action required.</p>
<b>Professional Education Exam (PED)</b>	<p><b>OPTION 1:</b> Three years of overall evaluations with an Effective or Highly Effective rating earned during the validity period of the current temporary certificate can waive the PED, providing <b>all</b> requirements outlined in the Statement of Status of Eligibility Letter (SOE) are on file with the FLDOE. (Ratings do not have to be for consecutive years.)</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> The State does not allow for this option if the educator completed an in or out-of-State teacher education college program, used college teaching experience to qualify for the temporary certificate, or qualified for the temporary certificate via the STEM Pathway.</p> <p><b>OPTION 2:</b> If participating in the district's PLCP program, earn a Highly Effective Summary Evaluation from the previous school year of completing the PLCP Program.</p> <p><b>OPTION 3:</b> Take and pass the PED.</p>	<p>After all requirements outlined in the SOE are on file with the State, email <a href="mailto:certification@leonschools.net"><u>certification@leonschools.net</u></a> requesting verification be sent to the FLDOE to waive the Professional Education exam. Verification <b>CAN ONLY</b> be provided to the FLDOE by the LCS Certification, Retention and Recruitment office, Instructional Certification Department.</p> <p>The district's Employee Evaluations Department provides summative evaluations to the Certification, Retention and Recruitment office, Instructional Certification Department. No action required.</p> <p>District PLCP coordinator will send required verification to the State. No action required.</p> <p>Official Score Report sent directly to the FLDOE by the testing agency. No action required.</p>
<b>General Knowledge Test (GKT)</b>	<p><b>OPTION 1:</b> A master's degree or higher in any subject area satisfies the GKT.</p> <p><b>OPTION 2:</b> Take and pass the GKT.</p> <p><b>OPTION 3:</b> Took the GKT but failed at least one of the subtests. <b>After</b> the attempt to pass, three <b>consecutive</b> years of overall evaluations with an Effective or Highly Effective rating earned during the validity period of the current temporary certificate can waive the GKT.</p>	<p>Submit official transcript for master's degree or higher to the FLDOE.</p> <p>Official Score Report sent directly to the FLDOE by the testing agency. No action required.</p> <p>Email <a href="mailto:certification@leonschools.net"><u>certification@leonschools.net</u></a> requesting verification be sent to the FLDOE to waive the exam. If you did not pass any portions of the exam, you must provide a copy of your failed exam with the request. Verification <b>CAN ONLY</b> be provided to the FLDOE by the Certification, Retention and Recruitment office, Instructional Certification Department.</p> <p>The district's Employee Evaluations Department provides summative evaluations to the Certification, Retention and Recruitment office, Instructional Certification Department. No action required.</p>