



## ESE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

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### **The new requirement:**

During the 2013 Legislative Session, Senate Bill 1108<sup>1</sup> was passed and signed into law. Section 9 of the bill added an ESE instruction component of 20 inservice hours or 1 college credit to the professional certification requirements. It did not increase the total number of points needed for recertification, but does require that 20 of those hours be ESE related.

### **How this affects you:**

If your **certificate expires on June 30, 2014** and you submit your renewal application fees and documentation no later than June 30, 2014, you will not need to comply with the requirements until the next time you re-certify (in 5 years). If you do not renew by June 30, 2014, you will be required to comply with the law's changes prior to being recertified.

If your **certificate expires on June 30, 2015 or later** you must comply with the requirements prior to being recertified.

### **SDHC's position:**

The district follows the legislature's one-year policy<sup>2</sup> regarding early renewals. Although there has been some indication that each county may decide how they will handle early recertification, SDHC will continue to follow Florida legislation regarding recertification timelines. SDHC is working with Florida DOE to review current trainings/classes to see if there are any ESE related components in non-ESE specific trainings that may qualify for points. Once SDHC receives a definite answer from Florida DOE, assuming additional trainings/classes need to be made available, they will let teachers know when and how training will be available.

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<sup>1</sup> Senate Bill 1108. (<http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2013/1108/BillText/er/HTMLSection9>)

<sup>2</sup> \*Florida Administrative Rule 6A.4.0051; Renewal and Reinstatement of a Professional Certificate ([https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/View\\_notice.asp?id=14168710](https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/View_notice.asp?id=14168710))

**What HCTA is doing for union members:**

Our state affiliate, FEA, currently offers an ER&D course called “Accessible Literacy Framework” with 60 inservice points. ALF is designed specifically for educators and school staff who are responsible for providing and/or adapting materials for students with disabilities who have complex communication needs, use assistive technology to access curriculum, or require adaptive materials to participate in a learning environment.

FEA is currently working with the national affiliates, AFT and NEA, to adapt the course from 60 inservice points to 20 inservice points. They will then submit the coursework to DOE for approval and numbering. They are also working on funding “train the trainer” courses, so that we can provide the training to union members here in Hillsborough County. The target date to have all of this approved and rolled out is June 2014.