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Per 1012.56, Florida Statutes, satisfying subject area mastery is one of the requirements to earn a Florida Professional Certificate. For applications submitted after December 31, 2014, applicants must either earn passing scores on the Florida-developed or other approved subject area examination prior to issuance of the Professional Certificate.

Recent law and rule changes expanded options for demonstrating subject area knowledge in a world language. Effective December 20, 2016, mastery of subject area knowledge for certification in a world language can be met through one of the following options:

Florida Subject Area Examinations (FL SAE)

Florida subject area examinations (FL SAE) are available for Spanish, French, German and Latin. Electronic score reports from the testing administrator are provided directly to the BEC. Information about content and registration for the exams can be located at <http://www.fl.nesinc.com/>.

American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL)

For world languages for which a Florida subject area exam is not offered, applicants are required to earn scores above the intermediate level on both the Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) and the Writing Proficiency Test (WPT) through the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). Refer to Policy Memo 2015-007 regarding ACTFL Examination Scores. Applicants are responsible for providing BEC with an official score report from the testing administrator. Information about content and registration for the exams can be located at <https://www.actfl.org/>.

Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT)/Defense Language Institute (DLI) Program

As enacted by Chapter 2016-142, applicants for world languages earning a passing score of a two (2) or above in the reading and listening subtests of the Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT) will meet mastery of subject area knowledge and specialization requirements. The DLPT is offered for all world languages except Latin and Haitian-Creole. DLPT scores may be used for world languages for which a FL SAE has been developed. Passing scores on the DLPT are concordant to the scores above the intermediate level on the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) exam. Official score reports from the testing administrator must be submitted to BEC.

Additionally, successful completion of the Basic Program of the Defense Language Institute (DLI), verified by an official transcript, will satisfy both subject area mastery and specialization requirements. DLI program completion may also be used for world languages for which a Florida SAE has been developed.

Information for both the DLPT and DLI can be located at <http://www.dliflc.edu/>.

Please note that only passing exam scores on the FL SAE, ACTFL and DLPT earned no more than ten (10) years prior to the date of application are acceptable.

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