

# Renewal and Reinstatement of a Professional Certificate Required Reading Hours Q & A

As per, rule 6A-4.0051, F.A.C. designated certifications will be required to take an additional **40 hours** in reading professional development for renewal or reinstatement **beginning with the validity date of July 1, 2020 – June 30 2025.**

CERTIFICATIONS:	
Elementary Education (K-6) and (1-6)	Pre-K/Primary Education (Age 3-Grade 3)
Middle Grade English (5-9)	Primary Education (K-3)
English (1-6)	Middle Grades Integrated (5-9)
English (6-12)	Reading (K-12)
Reading Endorsement (with any subject area)	ESOL (K-12)

## 1. How can SLPS assist teachers in taking the required reading hours?

There are several ways to take the required 40-hours of reading hours.

- Taking one Reading Endorsement Course  
<https://www.stlucie.k12.fl.us/td/learning-opportunities/>
- Reading Module with FDLRS  
**(will also meet 20 ESE hour requirement)**  
<http://www.fdlrs.org/>

*\*\* Note: The 40 hour FDLRS is NOT a bankable course and MUST be taken within the validity period of the certificate for every renewal.*

## 2. If I took a Reading Endorsement course recently will that count for reading hours?

**Yes.** If Reading Endorsement courses/hours were accrued within 5 years from the beginning date of the certificate to be renewed, those hours will meet the 40-hour requirement.

## 3. I have applied to the FLDOE to add my Reading Endorsement and have received a statement of eligibility. Can I use those courses that were met via transcripts for the 40-hour requirement for renewal?

**Yes.** If the verified courses were taken within 5 years from the beginning date of the certificate to be renewed, the courses could be used for renewal. Those courses can only be used for that certificate renewal.

Although Reading Endorsement **in-service hours are bankable**, only those **in-service hours** within 5 years from the beginning date of the certificate to be renewed are eligible to be used towards the 40-hour reading requirement.

## 4. Will the 40-hour reading requirement be in addition to the 120 hours or 2 courses previously required for re-certification?

**No.** The 40-hour requirement will count toward the existing 120 hours to recertify. This is in addition to the required 20 hours of Students with Disabilities (SWD) training to recertify.

For additional Information on Reading Endorsements or Reading hours contact **Ron Barr at 772-429-7512 or Lauren Fowler at 772-429-750.**