

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.

Timeframes:

- If a teacher with one of those coverages renewed in 2020, the 40 hours must be earned by 2025.
- If a teacher with one of those coverages renews in 2021, the 40 hours must be earned by 2026.
- If a teacher with one of those coverages renews in 2022, the 40 hours must be earned by 2027.
- If a teacher with one of those coverages renews in 2023, the 40 hours must be earned by 2028.
- If a teacher with one of those coverages renews in 2024, the 40 hours must be earned by 2029.

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 meeting the required reading hours?

Below are options to meet the required 40-hours:

- Taking one Reading Endorsement Course
<https://www.stlucie.k12.fl.us/td/learning-opportunities/>
- Two 20-hour Modules with FDLRS
[Reading/Math - BESE Portal \(fl-pda.org\)](https://www.fl-pda.org/Reading/Math)

*** 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.

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