

# Florida Teacher Certification Examinations (FTCE) Learning Portal



Welcome to the Florida Department of Education Web site. This site provides information on **Florida Teacher Certification Examinations (FTCE)**, including exam overviews, exam length, competencies and skills required for each exam, and test information guides.

Information on types of educator preparation programs and links to resources that may help you prepare for FTCE tests are also available.

## Testing Requirements

Testing requirements for certification are described in Section 1012.56, Florida Statutes, and in 6A-4.0021, Florida Administrative Code. The Florida Teacher Certification Examinations (FTCE) include the FTCE Subject Area Examinations, FTCE Professional Education Test, and FTCE General Knowledge Test.

**The Bureau of Educator Certification at the Department of Education in Tallahassee determines individual testing requirements for certification.** If you have a certification application on file, the Bureau will inform you of your individual testing requirements. The Bureau advises that teacher candidates should submit an application for certification before applying to take certification examinations. To apply for certification online, visit the [Educator Certification](#) Web site.

After your application for certification is on file, the Bureau will issue you an Official Statement of Status of Eligibility. This statement will indicate your individualized testing requirements. Once your certification application is on file, you may check your application status by contacting the Bureau toll free at (800) 445-6739 or by visiting the [Educator Certification](#) Web site.

## News

### 1. **Computer-based Testing Available for All FTCE/FELE Tests**

*Wednesday, February 25, 2009*

FTCE/FELE examinations with performance components, such as speaking or writing an essay, are now available on computer.

Computer-based testing (CBT) is offered at flexible times and locations during the year, both in test centers throughout Florida and in select cities nationwide. Art K–12, French K–12, German K–12, Hearing Impaired K–12, Music K–12, Spanish K–12, and Speech 6–12 are offered only at certain centers in Florida. As part of the normal test development process, some examinations may be temporarily unavailable on computer.

The availability of test centers may change periodically during the program year. For a current list of CBT availability, please visit the [FTCE/FELE Program Web site](#).

### 2. **New Test Fees for 2009**

*Wednesday, February 25, 2009*

In 2009, if you take one of the Florida Teacher Certification Examinations (FTCE) or the Florida Educational Leadership Examination (FELE) for the first time, you will pay the first-attempt fee. If you took and did not pass a test and want to retake it, you must pay the retake fee. For tests with subtests, taking any subtest is considered the first attempt even if you did not take all of the available subtests, and you must pay the retake fee for any subtests taken at a later date.

Test registration fees are applicable for both computer-based and paper-based tests. The FTCE Subject Area Examination, FTCE Professional Education Test, and FTCE General Knowledge Test (any combination of subtests) are \$50 for the first attempt and \$100 for the retake. The FELE (any combination of subtests) is \$85 for the first attempt and \$100 for the retake.

If you have any questions about fees or calculating the total amount you need to pay to register, please call the FTCE/FELE Program office at (413) 256-2893 and press option 9 to speak to a representative.

## Certification

For certification information or to determine your individualized testing requirements, visit the [Bureau of Educator Certification Web site](#).

## Registration

For registration information or to register online for paper-based or computer-based tests, visit the [FTCE/FELE Program Web site](#).