



Requirements for VPK Director Credential

PURPOSE

To provide requirements for the director of a private prekindergarten provider delivering the VPK program, consistent with [s. 1002.55\(3\)\(g\), F.S.](#), and meets the requirements of [Rule 6M-8.610, Florida Administrative Code \(F.A.C.\)](#)

REFERENCES

[Section 1002.55\(3\)\(g\), Florida Statutes \(F.S.\)](#)

[Rule 6M-8.610, Florida Administrative Code \(F.A.C.\)](#)

BACKGROUND

[Section 1002.55\(3\)\(g\), F.S.](#), provides as follows:

(g)The private prekindergarten provider must have a prekindergarten director who has a prekindergarten director credential that is approved by the office as meeting or exceeding the minimum standards adopted under s. 1002.57, F.S. Successful completion of a child care facility director credential under s. 402.305(2)(g), F.S., before the establishment of the prekindergarten director credential under s. 1002.57, F.S. or July 1, 2006, whichever occurs later, satisfies the requirement for a prekindergarten director credential under this paragraph.

As outlined in [Rule 6M-8.610, F.A.C.](#), in order to receive a VPK Director Credential Endorsement, applicants must complete the following:

1. The Florida [Director](#) Credential
2. Standards for Four-Year-Olds, or Florida Standards for Four-Year-Olds Online (DOE course between 2011-6/30/18) 3 Hour Online or Instructor-Led Course
OR
Implementing the Florida Standards in Preschool Classroom: 3 Years Old to Kindergarten (on or after 7/1/2018) 5 Hour Online Course or 3 Hour Instructor-Led Course
3. Emergent Literacy for VPK Instructors course
4. VPK Director Credential course (online)
5. Mathematical Thinking for Early Learners (online)
Language and Vocabulary in the VPK Classroom (online)

Beginning January 11, 2016, the issuance of the VPK Director Credential Endorsement automatically appears on the Child Care Training Transcript upon completion of the 6 requirements listed above.

Mathematical Thinking for Early Learners and Language and Vocabulary in the VPK Classroom are not required to take if you have received your Director Credential prior to November 1, 2017 or completed the DCF Director Credential prior to December 31, 2006.

Note: Individuals who were issued a Florida Director Credential before December 31, 2006, are considered “Exempt” from the VPK Director Credential Endorsement requirement and are still eligible to be a director of a private prekindergarten program offering VPK with only the first requirement listed above. However, “exempt” directors are strongly encouraged to acquire the VPK Director Credential Endorsement.

INSTRUCTIONS

Whether through monitoring or by report, if an early learning coalition or school district, (whichever is applicable), finds non-compliance with VPK Program requirements, results shall be included in appropriate monitoring reports. Corrective action and/or revocation of provider eligibility shall be clearly documented and issued in accordance with statute and rule. The intended action must be resolved timely.

HISTORY

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