

**Florida Department of Education
Bureau of Student Assistance
Office of Multicultural Student Language Education**

TIMELINES FOR COMPLETION OF THE ESOL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

CATEGORY I	CATEGORY II	CATEGORY III	CATEGORY IV
Primary Language Arts/English Teacher (or Reading Teachers ¹)	Social Studies, Mathematics, Science and Computer Literacy	All other subjects not included in Categories I or II ³	School Administrators ⁴ & Guidance Counselors
REQUIREMENTS			
ESOL Endorsement: 15 semester hours or 300 in-service credit points ²	3 semester hours or 60 in-service credit points	3 semester credit hours or 18 in-service credit points	3 semester hours or 60 inservice credit points.
OR			
K – 12 ESOL Coverage: Bachelor’s or Master’s Degree in TESOL and Basic Subject Area Coverage			
OR			
K – 12 ESOL Coverage: Passing Score on ESOL Subject Area Test; Basic Subject Area Coverage, and 120 hours/points in ESOL			
TIMELINES			
Experienced Teacher:	Experienced Teacher:	Experienced Teacher:	Hires Prior to September 9, 2003
6 years or more allowed for completion of ESOL Endorsement. 3 years for K-12 ESOL Coverage obtained by a passing score on ESOL Subject Area Test.	1 calendar year to complete from date of assignment of LEP student	1 calendar year to complete from date of assignment of LEP student	3 calendar years to complete from September 9, 2003
Beginning Teacher:	Beginning Teacher:	Beginning Teacher:	Hires after September 9, 2003
Same as above for experienced teachers	2 years to complete	2 years to complete	3 years to complete from date hired as school administrator or guidance counselor.

Notes: ¹ Teachers of Reading courses reported under weighted ESOL funding are considered Category I teachers.
² For ESOL Endorsement only - 3 semester hours or 60 in-service credit points within two years after the teacher first becomes responsible for the Language Arts instruction of a LEP student. 3 semester hours or 60 in-service credit points each subsequent year that the teacher continues to be responsible for the Language Arts instruction of a LEP student, until a total of 15 semester hours or 300 in-service credit points have been earned.
³ Teachers of Reading courses reported as Basic or a non-ESOL weighted cost factor are considered Category III teachers.
⁴ All other administrators (district-level) are required to receive training in the terms of the Consent Decree, Cross-Cultural communications and delivery of comprehensible instruction. However, no specific number of inservice points or hours is required.

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ESOL Inservice or Coursework must include all of the following areas:

- -Methods of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)
 - -ESOL Curriculum and Materials Development
 - -Cross-cultural Communication and Understanding
 - -Testing and Evaluation of ESOL
 - -Applied Linguistics

Recertification Flexibilities:

- -ESOL in-service credit points and/or ESOL College credits count as in-field for recertification of any coverage

Banking of ESOL Points

- Any points earned in excess of 6 semester hours or 120 points within one validity period may be banked towards the renewal of a certificate in subsequent renewal periods.