## Renewing Your Professional Teacher Certificate?

During the 2013 Legislative Session, Senate Bill 1108 was passed and signed into law. It added an ESE instruction component-20 inservice hours or 1 college credit - to the professional certification requirements without increasing the total number of hours needed for recertification.

FEA has put together this flowchart and Frequently Asked Questions to help teachers understand what we do know about the new requirements.

## WHAT MUST I DO TO RENEW MY PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE?

If you renew your teaching certificate BEFORE
JUNE 30, 2014

If you renew your teaching certificate ON or AFTER

JULY 1, 2014

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Since the new law begins on July 1, 2014, you don't need to meet this new requirement to get recertified.

BUT be sure to submit your renewal application fees & documentation NO LATER than June 30, 2014!

If you renew AFTER June 30 you WILL have to comply with the law's changes.

Since the new law begins on July 1, 2014 you will need the 20 inservice points or one college credit in ESE instruction to get recertified if you renew after July 1.

The FLDOE has given districts discretion in accepting applications for early renewal. Check with your district's personnel/human resources department for information about early renewal.

TAKE ACTION!

- KNOW AND SHARE THE FACTS! Share this information with your colleagues.
   Watch for updates at FEAweb.org/recertification-ese as we get them.
- MEMBERSHIP MATTERS! Get a colleague to join your union. We have strength in numbers — at the bargaining table, in the Legislature, in the courts.