

RECENT STATE OF FLORIDA GOVERNMENT ACTIONS

DOE Expansion of Waiver to Strict Adherence to Florida Education Code | Department of Education Order No. [2020-EO-02](#) | This order expands DOE Order 2020-EO-01 by suspending or modifying statutes and rules under the prevue of DOE to help mitigate the impacts of COVID-19.

The EO provides technical relief to rules normally requiring strict adherence including:

- Many provisional and due to expire licenses managed by the Commission for Independent Education with expiration dates from March 1 to July 29, such licenses are good until July 29;
- Many rules for special education evaluations (notably IEPs and ESE rules) are modified to allow more time to comply;
- *Just Read, Florida!* deadlines are extended, and certification requirements are reduced.
- Teacher certificates expiring June 30 to December 31 are extended;
- Colleges have technical eligibility rules relaxed and are given more spending flexibility;
- Rules governing the VPK program are relaxed to allow providers to remain open and to allow broader use of the vouchers by families; and
- Eligibility rules for state funded childcare are relaxed.

The rules and waivers expire with EO 20-52 unless a specific date is provided. Where there is a specific date, the order is in effect for 120 days unless extended.