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## 2008 School Bus Inspector Re-certification Test Study Guide

Florida Certified School Bus Safety Inspectors were previously required to re-certify during the fifth calendar year following certification or re-certification. The expiration date has been changed to June 30 following the fifth calendar year, and subsequent re-certifications will be required to take place during the fifth fiscal year (by June 30). For example, if an inspector were certified or re-certified any time during 2004, he or she would be required to pass the 30-question re-certification test prior to June 30, 2010, again prior to June 30, 2015, and so on.

Re-certification candidates should prepare for testing early in the fifth fiscal year. If candidates wait until late in the year, they are pressed for time, increasing the chance of an expired certification.

It is crucial that candidates properly prepare for re-certification testing. The majority of questions in this test are based upon inspection manual changes, revisions, and additions made from 2003 to 2008. A small number of questions in this test are based upon general knowledge material that has not been revised since 2003.

The following page contains suggested study procedures. Inspector-trainers are encouraged to develop training materials and techniques in addition to these basic study guidelines.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the re-certification process or program, please contact Terri Egler or Bud Fletcher at: [terri.egler@fldoe.org](mailto:terri.egler@fldoe.org), [bud.fletcher@fldoe.org](mailto:bud.fletcher@fldoe.org), or (850) 245-9795.

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## **Suggested Study Procedures**

Candidates who study for the recertification test will need to have copies of the 2003 and the 2008 inspection manuals. Using the enclosed 2008 Table of Changes (TOC) located in the front of the 2008 manual, candidates should place the manuals side by side and look up every item in both manuals to compare the differences. The page numbers in the 2003 manual are slightly different than those in the 2008 manual and TOC, so it is important to identify the same areas in each manual and not rely on page numbers alone. Candidates should continue to compare the changes from the 2003 to 2008, and review any additions, until they have a thorough understanding of every inspection item in the 2008 TOC.

No re-certification test questions will be based on the administrative aspects of the program, although those changes are also listed in the 2008 TOC. Test candidates should begin study with A. 1. a. 6. in the 2008 TOC.

The 30 question re-certification test is a 30-minute open book test; however, thorough study and preparation is crucial to passing the test, as candidates will not have time to look up many answers to questions.

**Please ensure that re-certification candidates are adequately prepared prior to taking the re-certification test.**