



Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM 2014-15

TO: Criminal Justice Agency Administrators
Criminal Justice Training Center Directors

FROM: Director Dean Register *DR*
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SUBJECT: Law Topics and Human Diversity Instructor Certifications

Rule 11B-20.0014(3), F.A.C., identifies all the Specialized Instructor Certifications approved by the Commission. Due to a rule change, effective November 30, 2004, Human Diversity Instructor was removed as an instructor certification topic. Subsequent curriculum changes, effective July 1, 2012; and a rule change, effective March 13, 2013, also resulted in the removal of Law Topics Instructor as an instructor certification topic. The topics are no longer recognized in Rule 11B-20.0014(3), F.A.C., and there are no provisions for renewing the topics.

In the past, instructors were allowed to include Human Diversity Certification with their instructor renewal. However, confusion has surfaced because individuals with **only** a Human Diversity Instructor Certification or **only** a Law Topics Instructor Certification would not be allowed to instruct a Commission-approved course unless they were eligible for an exemption from the General Instructor Certification, pursuant to Rule 11B-20.001(4), F.A.C., and the training center has completed the Instructor Exemption form CJSTC-82.

Training centers need to verify that instructors teaching Commission-approved courses, especially legal courses, are either certified as general instructors or exempt from certification with a completed Instructor Exemption form CJSTC-82 in the course file. Commission staff will programmatically inactivate all remaining Human Diversity Instructor Certifications and Law Topics Instructor Certifications and remove the ability to renew the topics in the Automated Training Management System (ATMS). Overall, there should be minimal impact because individuals who currently instruct Commission-approved courses are already required to either have a General Instructor Certification or be exempt by the training center with a completed form CJSTC-82 on file.

If you have any questions, please contact Training and Research Manager Terry Baker, Records and Certification Section, at terrybaker@fdle.state.fl.us or call 850-410-8688.

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