

### **Foundation of Reading Test (FoRT)**

*With the language under sub. (18)(a), “initial license” now appears to mean the first “provisional license” issued to an educator in that category (or the subsequent renewal of that first license. Therefore, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 118.19(14)(a) and (18)(a), the department may issue a provisional license to teach in certain areas (kindergarten through grade 5, special education, reading teacher, or reading specialist) if the applicant has passed the FORT examination. The result of this is that educators who hold or have held a lifetime/professional educator license do not need to pass FORT in order to add another license in the same category (i.e., teacher or administrator) in one of the areas listed in statute.*

#### *Examples*

- An educator who holds a life license in the teacher category who wants to add on a K-5 regular education, special education or reading teacher license does not have to take the FORT.*
- An educator who held a life license in K-5 regular education, special education or reading teacher license whose license lapsed or was invalidated does not have to take the FORT .*
- A reading teacher who is completing a reading specialist licensure program who does not hold an administrator license must pass the FORT.*
- An educator who holds a life license in the administrator category does not have to take the FORT to add on a reading specialist license.*
- An educator who holds a provisional teaching license and wants to add on a K-5 regular education, special education or reading teacher license must pass the FORT.*
- An educator who holds a license with unmet statutory stipulations who wants a K-5 regular education, special education or reading teacher license must pass the FORT.*
- An administrator who holds a life license but doesn’t hold and has never held a teaching license who wants a reading specialist license must pass the FORT.*
- An administrator who holds a life license but doesn’t hold and has never held a teaching license who wants a K-5 regular education, special education or reading teaching license, must pass the FORT.*