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State Commission Introduces New Language Exams for Foreign Language Teachers

SACRAMENTO – The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing announced the completion of the first of seven new foreign language exams for teachers today.

“California leads the nation in broadening foreign language opportunities for students,” stated Leslie Peterson Schwarze, Chair of the Commission. “In one year, we will introduce seven new foreign language teacher exams to add to the already extensive list of language exams for teaching credentials.”

The first new language exam to be completed is in the Filipino language. It will be administered on November 4, 2006 in 15 California locations for a fee of \$222. The regular registration deadline for this exam is October 6, 2006. Late registration dates are: October 24th (additional fee of \$25) and October 31st (additional fee of \$50). All registration for this exam will be conducted online at www.cset.nesinc.com.

“The addition of these new foreign language exams meets the needs of California’s diverse population and will also prepare our students for a future that depends on international communication,” continued Peterson Schwarze.

The foreign language exams will meet California’s requirement that teachers demonstrate their subject knowledge as one part of the teacher credentialing process. In addition to subject knowledge, teachers must complete a program of preparation in teaching methods and student teaching or an internship. Teachers who already hold a credential may add another subject to their credential by meeting just the subject knowledge requirement.

The other new language exams for teachers now under development are: Arabic, Armenian, Cantonese, Farsi, Hmong and Khmer. Existing exams are: American Sign Language, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Punjabi, Spanish, Russian and Vietnamese.

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