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Professional Development No Longer Linked to Credential Renewal

SACRAMENTO – Beginning January 1, 2007 the renewal of professional clear credentials will no longer be linked to professional growth requirements. This new development affects teaching and service credentials including Designated Subjects Credentials. Child Development Permits will maintain a professional growth requirement for renewal.¹

The shift is a result of SB 1209 (Scott, Chapter 517, Statutes of 2006), an omnibus education bill aimed at ensuring equitable access for all students to fully-prepared teachers and streamlining the credentialing process. The measure moves the emphasis for professional development from a state credential renewal requirement to the professional responsibility of school districts and individual educators.

SB 1209 intent language regarding professional development states that the Legislature recognizes "...that effective professional growth must continue to occur throughout the careers of all teachers, in order that teachers remain informed of changes in pedagogy, subject matter, and pupil needs." The Legislative intent language continues, "... it is the intent of the Legislature to encourage teachers to engage in an individual program of professional growth that extends their content knowledge and teaching skills and for school districts to establish professional growth programs that give individual teachers a wide range of options to pursue as well as significant roles in determining the course of their professional growth."

The measure recommends professional growth activities that align with the California Standards for the Teaching Profession and that contribute to competence, performance, and effectiveness in the profession of education and professional assignments.

The removal of the professional growth requirement for credential renewal includes both the 150 clock hours of activities and the experience requirement.

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¹ For information about Child Development Permit professional growth requirements see:

http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/manuals-handbooks/PG_Manual_ChildDev.pdf