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**Computer-Based Teacher Testing  
 Offers Greater Access, Convenience**

SACRAMENTO – Beginning this month, the Commission on Teacher Credentialing has launched a pilot program with Pearson Evaluation Systems to assess a new computer-based testing option for the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST). Prospective educators now have the opportunity to take this gateway exam in a computer-based format that gives immediate feedback on test scores. Official scores are mailed a few weeks later.

The computer-based CBEST is available during 12 testing windows annually on a first-come, first-served basis. Each window contains five or six days available for testing. The paper-based test is offered six Saturdays per year. In the first few days of registration for the new computer-based option, nearly 300 individuals registered.

“If the inaugural response is an indication of the popularity of this new option, test-takers will want to register as early as possible to ensure a place,” remarked Dr. P. David Pearson, Chair of the Commission.

The first three sets of testing windows are in October/November, December, and January.

Testing Period	Testing Window						Official Score Report Date
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	
October/November 2008	October 30	October 31	November 1	November 3	November 4	N/A	November 18
December 2008	December 13	December 15	December 16	December 17	December 18	December 19	January 6
January 2009	January 15	January 16	January 17	January 20	January 21	January 22	February 5

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Testing locations are in the following cities in Pearson Professional Centers:

**California**

- ♦Anaheim
- ♦Fresno
- ♦Gardena
- ♦Oakland
- ♦Ontario
- ♦Pasadena
- ♦Redding
- ♦Roseville
- ♦San Diego
- ♦San Francisco
- ♦San Jose
- ♦Santa Maria
- ♦Westlake Village

**Oregon**

- ♦Beaverton
- ♦Medford
- ♦Salem

Registration for computer-based testing is available on the Internet by selecting “Register Now” on the CBEST Website: <http://www.cbest.nesinc.com/>.

Test takers who opt for the convenience of taking the computer-based CBEST exam will pay a bit more. The fee for the computer-based exam option is \$105. The additional cost covers such benefits as the more flexible administration schedule, the ease of using state of the art computers and a comfortable testing environment, and the smaller proctor to examinee ratio. The examinee cost for the paper-based CBEST administration remains unchanged at \$41.

