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Action

Credentialing and Certificated Assignments Committee

Proposed Amendments to 5 California Code of Regulations §80027 Pertaining to General Education Limited Assignment Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Permits

Executive Summary: This agenda item will present proposed amendments pertaining to General Education Limited Assignment Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Permits.

Recommended Action: Staff recommends that the Commission approve the amendments to 5 California Code of Regulations §80027 for the purpose of beginning the rulemaking file for submission to the Office of Administrative Law and scheduling a public hearing.

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Strategic Plan Goal: 1

Promote educational excellence through the preparation and certification of professional educators

- ◆ Grant credentials, certificates and permits as set out in regulation and statute

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Introduction

This agenda item presents proposed amendments to 5 California Code of Regulations §80027 pertaining to the General Education Limited Assignment Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Permits. This regulation was last updated seven years ago. Proposed changes will remove outdated portions of the regulation, add clarity to the appropriate prerequisite credential, and align the renewal options with the current requirements for a full authorization in the subject area of the Limited Assignment Teaching Permit. Following discussion at the December Commission meeting concerning experienced educators, staff has reviewed and added clarifying language to the regulations.

Background

The Limited Assignment Teaching Permit process was designed to allow fully credentialed general education teachers to teach outside of their authorized area while completing the requirement to earn an additional authorization. A Limited Assignment Teaching Permit may be issued at the request of a local employing agency to fill a staffing vacancy or need. In addition, it allows flexibility for the local employing agencies, especially in rural and remote areas of the state, to assign an individual to teach in more than one subject area.

A new teacher needs time and assistance to learn how to teach and be successful in his or her first years of teaching in the subjects in which they are prepared. For this reason, teachers must either obtain permanent status (tenure) in a California employing agency before the employer can assign that teacher on the basis of a Limited Assignment Teaching Permit or the employing agency must assign an experienced educator in the subject area of the permit to assist the teacher who has not yet obtained permanent status.

There is a restriction on the number of years a teacher may serve on a Limited Assignment Teaching Permit. Since six semester units of course work or passage of two examinations appropriate to the credential are required for renewal, it seems unnecessary to allow assignments on a Limited Assignment Permit to continue indefinitely. A general education teacher should be able to complete the requirements for an appropriate supplementary authorization or pass the examinations for the Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credential within a three-year period.

Proposed Amendments to §80027

§80027 The wording of ‘General Education’ and the ‘s’ on the word permit is added for clarification that this permit either in the area of multiple or single subject is for a general education classroom assignment.

§80027(a), (a)(3), (a)(6), (b), (b)(2),(3),(5), and (6), and (c)(1) and (2) The additional language adds clarification that this permit is only for general education assignments.

§80027(a)(4) The language adds clarification that the required teaching experience should be aligned with the authorization of the permit and the number of years of experience required to be assigned as an experienced educator.

§80027(a)(5) and (c) The authorization listed on the General Education Multiple Subject Limited Assignment Permit is added for clarity.

§80027(a)(7) Language was removed that the applicant submitted the application and replaced that the application must be submitted through an employing agency to match the wording in subsection (b)(7).

§80027(a)(7)(A) and (b)(3)(A) Language to reference the specific application form, including the instructions to complete the form, that applicants applying for issuance or renewal of a General Education Limited Assignment Permit must use to provide the information needed to process the application including birth date, social security number, and current address and also responding to professional fitness questions and signing an oath and affidavit is referenced.

§80027(a)(7)(B) and (b)(3)(B) Language to clarify the fee required for issuance or renewal of a General Education Limited Assignment Permit is referenced.

§80027(b)(3)(C) The proposed change is to allow for completion of either course work or passage of examinations, as provided in Education Code sections 44280, 44281, and 44282, to meet the resissuance requirements for the permit. Effective July 1, 2004, the Commission determined that the only route to meet the subject matter competence requirement for a multiple subject credential is through examination. Completion of course work would not allow the permit holder to move toward meeting the requirements for the related credential. The proposed change would also allow permit holders working towards a single subject credential to complete the examination route in addition to the current course work route.

To use the examination option, the individual must take all examinations appropriate to the type of permit requested, multiple or single subject, and must pass two sections. The number of examination sections required to meet subject matter competence for Multiple and Single Subject Credentials varies from two to four sections. If one or more sections have been previously passed, the individual must pass the one or two sections, as appropriate.

§80027(b)(5)(B) The validation of professional development is proposed to be deleted as an option for renewal of a General Education Limited Assignment Permit. The option was originally available for all types of emergency permits which included the limited assignment as the permit used to be an ‘emergency’ permit. The ‘emergency’ status was removed from the Limited Assignment Permit in 2001. In 2002, the Commission promulgated regulations to delete the professional development option for renewal of all emergency permits. Since the Limited Assignment Permit had lost its ‘emergency’ status, the professional development option remained as a renewal requirement. To align with the original decision to delete the professional

development as a renewal requirement for emergency permits, the Commission is proposing deletion of the option for the Limited Assignment Permit.

§80027(b)(7) Section was reworded to specifically clarify that the application for renewal is submitted by an employing agency.

§80027(d) The additional language adds clarification that this permit is only for general education assignments. The Limited Assignment Permit requires a prerequisite credential and the expiration date of the permit cannot be later than the expiration date of the required prerequisite credential.

§80027(d)(1) Requirements to extend a Limited Assignment Permit that has been issued for less than one calendar year because the prerequisite credential has expired are detailed.

Title 5 Section 80027 Pertaining to the General Education Limited Assignment Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Permits

§80027. General Education Limited Assignment Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Permits.

(a) Requirements for the initial issuance of a General Education Limited Assignment Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Permits includes all of the following:

- (1) The employing agency must submit a Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators that satisfies the provisions of Section 80026.
- (2) Applicant is currently employed by the local governing board requesting such assignment.
- (3) Applicant holds a valid California general education teaching credential based on a baccalaureate degree and a professional teacher preparation program, including student teaching or the equivalent.
- (4) Applicants who have not obtained permanent status as defined in Education Code 44929.21 or 44929.22 or 44929.23 shall be assigned an experienced educator by the employing agency in the subject area of the General Education Limited Assignment Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Permit who has completed 3 years of full-time general education elementary or secondary classroom teaching experience in that the subject area(s) requested. If more than one subject area is requested, the experienced educator(s) must have a minimum of three years of teaching experience in each area requested. The local employing agency may assign more than one experienced educator to the permit holder to meet this requirement.
- (5) The General Education Limited Assignment Single Subject Teaching Permit may be issued in the subject areas listed in Education Code Section 44257 and the General Education Limited Assignment Multiple Subject Teaching Permit may be issued in the subject area of General Subjects.

- (6) The employing agency must keep on file a written statement verifying consent of the teacher to serve on the General Education Limited Assignment Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Permit.
- (7) For initial issuance of a General Education Limited Assignment Multiple or Single Subject Permit, The applicant submits the following shall be submitted to the Commission by the employing agency:
- (A) ~~a~~ A completed Application for Credential Authorizing Public School Service (form 41-4, rev. 8/00 9/08) available on the Commission's website and hereby incorporated by reference, together with its related Instruction and Information Sheet (rev. 9/08) and Form 41-ECC (Explanation of Criminal Conviction or Pending Criminal Charge) (rev. 7/08), and
- (B) the fee(s) as specified in Section 80487(a)(1).
- (b) Requirements for the renewal of a General Education Limited Assignment Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Permits.
- (1) Applicant is currently employed by the local governing board requesting such assignment.
- (2) Applicant holds a valid California general education teaching credential based on a baccalaureate degree and a professional teacher preparation program, including student teaching or the equivalent.
- (3) ~~An application for~~ For the renewal of a General Education Limited Assignment Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Permit, the following shall be submitted to the Commission by the employing agency, and shall include all of the following.
- (A) A completed Application for Credential Authorizing Public School Service (form 41-4, rev. 8/00 9/08) available on the Commission's website and hereby incorporated by reference, together with its related Instruction and Information Sheet (rev. 9/08) and Form 41-ECC (Explanation of Criminal Conviction or Pending Criminal Charge) (rev. 7/08).
- (B) ~~Payment of the~~ The fee(s) required by as specified in Section 80487(a)(1).
- (C) Verification of the completion of one of the following:
- (i) at least six semester units, or the equivalent quarter units, of course work required for issuance of the related credential or
- (ii) take all sections of the examination appropriate to the type of permit requested, multiple or single subject, as provided in Education Code sections 44280, 44281 and 44282 and pass two sections. If one or more sections have been previously passed, the individual must pass the one or two sections of the examination, as appropriate.
- (4) The employing agency must submit a Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators that satisfies the provisions of Section 80026.

(5) ~~Validation of Professional Development Statement. The holder of a Limited Assignment Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Permit who has previously taught three or more years on a credential other than an emergency credential or permit, may submit the following in lieu of the required 6 semester units:~~

~~(A) Verification that he or she has completed ninety hours of professional development activities that are directly related to the subject or class authorized by the Limited Assignment Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Permit; and~~

~~(B) Submission of a Validation of Professional Development Statement, signed by the employing agency and the permit holder, that includes a brief description of the content of the teacher's professional development program, a brief description of the means by which the employing agency validated the quality and appropriateness of the teacher's professional development program, and a brief description of the manner in which the results of the teacher's professional development program were evaluated.~~

~~(6) An individual may renew a General Education Limited Assignment Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Permit in any one specific subject only twice during his or her lifetime.~~

~~(7) (6)The employing agency must keep on file a written statement verifying consent of the teacher to serve on the General Education Limited Assignment Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Permit.~~

(c) Authorization:

(1) A General Education Limited Assignment Multiple Subject Teaching Permit authorizes the same service as a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential in the authorized field listed on the permit.

(2) A General Education Limited Assignment Single Subject Teaching Permit authorizes the same service as a Single Subject Teaching Credential in the authorized field(s) listed on the permit.

(d) The General Education Limited Assignment Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Permit ~~shall be~~ is valid for ~~no less than one year and expires~~ one calendar year from the first day of the month immediately following the date of issuance but is limited to the expiration date of the prerequisite teaching credential held.

(1) A permit issued for less than one calendar year may be extended for the remainder of the calendar year as long as the prerequisite teaching credential has been renewed. An application and fee as found in (b)(3)(A) and (B) must be submitted. Verification of requirements as found in (b)(3)(C) are not required to extend the permit for the remainder of the calendar year.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 44225(d), (g) and (q) and 44300, Education Code. Reference: Sections 44253, 44280, 44281, 44282, and 44300, Education Code.

Next Steps

The regulations will appear at a public hearing following the required 45-day response period.

