Proposed Amendments to Adopted Criteria for a Variable Term Waiver of the Speech-Language Pathology Services Credential

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Speech-Language Pathology Services Credential

- Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) Services Credentials authorize an educator to serve as a Speech-Language Pathologist in California public schools
- 16 Commission-approved programs
- No Interns or Emergency Permits available
- EC section 44831 - Local Assignment Option for provision of SLP Services in CA public schools
- Variable Term Waiver (VTW) for SLP Services Credential – Option of last resort for Local Education Agency
# Table A. Speech-Language Pathology Services Credentials Issued, 2008-09 to 2012-13

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<th>2008 - 09</th>
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<th>5-year Change (%) 2008-09 to 2012-13</th>
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<td>Direct Applications</td>
<td>102</td>
<td>114</td>
<td>125</td>
<td>130</td>
<td>159</td>
<td>55.9%</td>
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<td>IHE Recommend</td>
<td>344</td>
<td>395</td>
<td>379</td>
<td>428</td>
<td>487</td>
<td>41.6%</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>446</td>
<td>509</td>
<td>504</td>
<td>558</td>
<td>646</td>
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Note: Data include new credentials only; do not include renewals. SLP authorization became effective 1/1/2007.
Table B. Speech-Language Pathology Services Credential Variable-Term Waivers Issued, 2008-09 to 2012-13

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<th>SLP VTWs Issued</th>
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<td>493</td>
<td>498</td>
<td>436</td>
<td>415</td>
<td>399</td>
<td>-19.1%</td>
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Change (%) 2008-09 to 2012-13 = \((-19.1\%)\)
Figure 1. Comparison of SLP Credentials and Waivers Issued, 2008-09 to 2012-13

- 2008-09: 446 Credentials, 493 Waivers
- 2009-10: 509 Credentials, 498 Waivers
- 2010-11: 504 Credentials, 436 Waivers
- 2011-12: 558 Credentials, 415 Waivers
- 2012-13: 666 Credentials, 399 Waivers

Linear (Credentials):
Commission-Adopted Criteria for SLP VTW

- In October 2014, the Commission adopted specific criteria for the SLP VTW
- Adopted criteria became effective 1/1/15:
  - Require a bachelor’s degree in SLP, Communicative Disorders or a closely aligned field or hold a valid Multiple Subject Teaching or Education Specialist Instruction Credential;
  - Require specific criteria for reissuance of the VTW that include clear definitions for the terms “progress toward the credential” and “inability to enroll” in a Commission-approved SLP Services Credential program; and
  - Establish a limit on the total number of VTWs for the SLP Services Credential to a maximum of five (or seven) if specified criteria are met for reissuance
New Considerations

- Amendments proposed to recently adopted criteria based on stakeholder feedback and data provided in Appendix A.
- Consensus on the proposed amendments reached in discussions with representatives from:
  - California Speech and Hearing Association (CSHA),
  - Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensers Board (SLPAHADBB),
  - Commission-approved SLP Program Sponsors
  - County Offices of Education and Local Employing Agencies.
Amendments to Proposed Criteria

- Accept enrollment and progress in an out-of-state American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) accredited graduate level SLP program not approved by the Commission

- Allow up to two additional issuances of the SLP VTW for individuals who had already exceeded 4 or more issuances prior to January 1, 2015
  - The individual must verify enrollment and progress in either a Commission-approved SLP Services Credential program or an out-of-state ASHA accredited graduate level SLP program.