

**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**

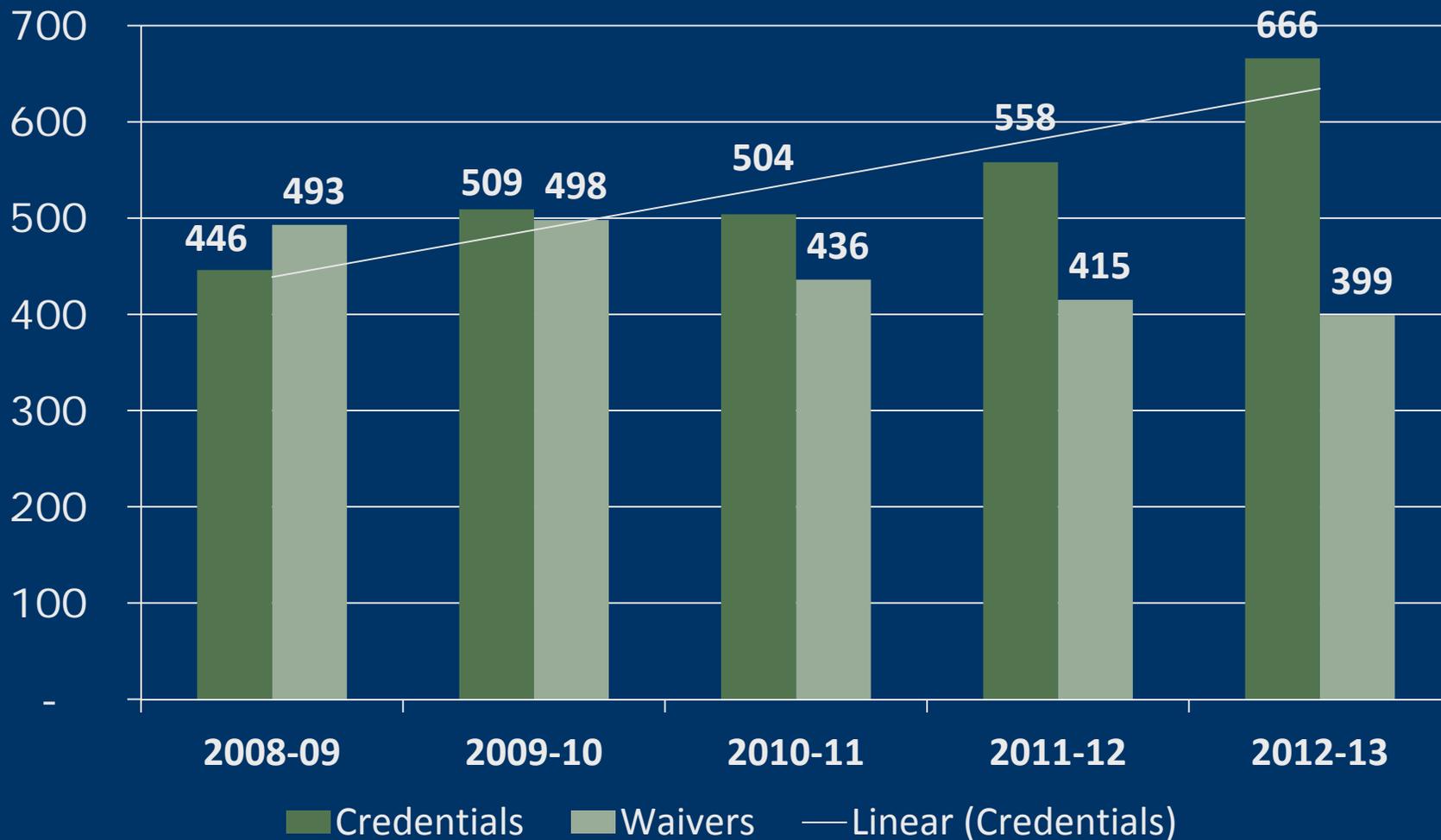
	2008 - 09	2009 - 10	2010 - 11	2011 - 12	2012 - 13	5-year Change (%) 2008-09 to 2012-13
Direct Applications (Out-of-State Preparation)	102	114	125	130	159	55.9%
IHE Recommend (CA Program)	344	395	379	428	487	41.6%
Total	446	509	504	558	646	44.8%

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

	2008 - 09	2009 - 10	2010 - 11	2011 - 12	2012 - 13	5-year Change (%) 2008- 09 to 2012-13
SLP VTWs Issued	493	498	436	415	399	-19.1%

Figure 1. Comparison of SLP Credentials and Waivers Issued, 2008-09 to 2012-13



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 (SLPAHADB),
 - 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.