



BASIC SKILLS REQUIREMENT (BSR) EXEMPTIONS

Exemptions from the Basic Skills Requirement

1. Renewal, reissuance or upgrading of non-emergency credentials, certificates or permits

Clear Ryan or pre-Ryan documents can be renewed or reissued without verifying the basic skills requirement.* Upgrading a document from a preliminary to a clear credential does not require verification of the basic skills requirement. An exception to this would be the issuance of a Multiple or Single Subject Credential or the Education Specialist Instruction Credential based on the completion of an out-of-state program, without the verification of the basic skills requirement. In this case, the basic skills requirement will be clearly noted as a renewal requirement on the document.

The following are examples of this type of exemption:

CURRENTLY HOLDS	APPLYING FOR	BSR REQUIRED?	
		Yes	No
Clear or Professional Clear Multiple Subject	Clear or Professional Clear Multiple Subject		X
Expired Clear General Elementary	Clear General Elementary		X
Preliminary Resource Specialist	Clear Resource Specialist		X
Preliminary Multiple Subject (expired or not) *)	Extension of Preliminary, Clear or Professional Clear with same authorization		X
Teaching document that does not require a bachelor's degree	Additional teaching document that does not require a bachelor's degree		X

* Unless the basic skills requirement is specified as a renewal requirement on the preliminary credential

2. An additional credential, certificate or permit to teach when the applicant holds a non-emergency teaching document which required a bachelor's degree

The new authorization may be issued as either an emergency or a regular document. There is one exception to this: The basic skills requirement is required when an individual only holds a document that does not require a bachelor's degree and wishes to add one requiring a degree (i.e. vocational education or child development documents).

The following are examples of this type of exemption:

CURRENTLY HOLDS	APPLYING FOR	BSR REQUIRED?	
		Yes	No
Multiple or Single Subject	Specialist		X
Certificate of Clearance	Multiple Subject	X	
30-Day Emergency (issued prior to February 1, 1983)	30-Day Emergency	X	
A permit or designated subjects credential not requiring a degree	A credential requiring a degree	X	
Adult in non-academic area	Adult in academic area	X	
Adult in a non-academic area	Adult in another non-academic area		X
Vocational part-time clear	Vocational full-time clear in same or different area		X
Vocational Designated	Subjects Supervision and Coordination	X	
Single Subject	Vocational		X
Single Subject *	Emergency Permit		X
Multiple Subject	Supplementary Authorization		X
Single Subject in English	Single Subject in any other subject		X
Single Subject in Physical Education *	Adapted Physical Education		X
Expired Pre-Ryan document that cannot be reissued	Comparable document which requires basic skills	X	

Specialist Resource	Specialist		X
Clear or Professional Clear Clinical Rehabilitation with Special Class Authorization	Resource Specialist		X
Clinical Rehabilitative in Language, Speech, and Hearing	Clinical Rehabilitative with Special Class Authorization	X	
Counseling	School Psychologist	X	
Multiple or Single Subject	Administrative Services	X	
Preliminary Single Subject (expired) Extension	of Preliminary, Clear or Professional Clear with additional subject area		X
Standard Elementary	Single Subject		X
Multiple or Single Subject Internship (University Internship Certificate, District Internship Certificate, Individualized Internship Certificate, Early Completion Internship Certificate)	Preliminary, Clear or Professional Clear Multiple or Single Subject		X
Single Subject under Agriculture Variant program	Preliminary, Clear or Professional Clear Single Subject in Agriculture		X
Clear or Professional Clear Clinical Rehabilitative with the Special Class Authorization	Any teaching credential		X
Pre-Ryan Administration Credential	Ryan Administrative Services	X	
Junior College Teaching Credential issued by the Commission (see below)			
(a) authorizes teaching in grades 11 and 12	Multiple Subject, etc		X
(b) authorizes teaching in grades 11 and 12 only by resolution of the governing board	Multiple Subject, etc.	X	
(c) authorizes grades 13 and 14 only	Multiple Subject, etc.	X	

* Unless basic skills requirement is specified as a renewal requirement for the Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credential or the Education Specialist Instruction Credential based on an out-of-state program

3. Credentials issued solely for teaching adults in apprenticeship programs.

4. Adult Education Designated Subjects Credentials in non-academic subjects

Categories of non-academic subjects may be found on leaflet CL-697A. Under the adult education regulations in effect prior to 3-23-84, the following areas were considered non-academic; agriculture, business, communications, computer science, education, industrial technologies, fine and applied arts, health occupations, home economics, law, library science, public affairs and services, commercial services, and foreign language (conversational).

The following are examples of this type of exemption:

CURRENTLY HOLDS	APPLYING FOR	BSR REQUIRED?	
		Yes	No
Adult Designated Subjects in an academic area (Ryan/Standard)	30-Day Emergency, or any other teaching credential		X
Adult, full-time in an academic area (issued prior to February 1, 1983 and is now expired)	Adult, part-time in an academic area	X	

5. Certificate of Clearance

Since the Certificate of Clearance does not authorize employment, the Commission decided at its November 1982 meeting that the basic skills requirement is not required for fingerprint clearance.

6. Child Development, Children's Center Instructional and Special Center Permits

On June 30, 1989, SB 230 (Roberti) became law. Due to this legislation, basic skills proficiency is no longer required for Child Development Permits, including those with School-Age Emphasis.

CURRENTLY HOLDS	APPLYING FOR	BSR REQUIRED?	
		Yes	No
Child Development Teacher Permit	Child Development Program Director Permit		X
Regular Children's Center Instructional Permit	Child Development Permit		X

Child Development Permit	Multiple Subject	X	
Life Development Center Permit	Special Center Permit		X

7. **Health Services Credential, with the exception of the new School Nurse Services Credential with Special Teaching Authorization in Health.**

8. **Vocational and Special Subjects Designated Subjects Credentials which do not require a bachelor's degree**

Under the initial 1986 laws, the applicants were allowed a one-year credential pending the verification of basic skills proficiency, but effective 1-1-84, with the enactment of AB 827, basic skills proficiency is no longer a requirement for the vocational credential. Originally, in 1983, all special subject areas required basic skills proficiency, but the passage of SB 511 on 9-6-85 exempted all but Driver Education and Driver Training, which both require bachelor's degrees.

9. **Prelingually deaf candidates.**

In 2006, the legislature authorized the Commission to exempt these credential candidates from verification of the basic skills requirement. Please note that the credential issued will have a limited authorization. Proficiency must be satisfied using procedures and guidelines described in the [Guide for Verifying the Proficiency of Prelingually Deaf Credential Candidates](#) [PDF].

The following documents may be issued pending the completion of the basic skills requirement:

1. Preliminary Credentials -- Out-of-state individuals may be issued a five-year preliminary Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credential or Education Specialist Instruction Credential without the completion of the basic skills requirement with the understanding that they must verify completion of the basic skills requirement within one year from the issuance date of the credential in order for the holder to continue teaching.
2. Out-of-state prepared applicants for credentials that require basic skills (other than Multiple Subject, Single Subject, or Education Specialist Instruction Credentials): California public school employers of qualified individuals may request that the Commission issue a One-Year Nonrenewable (OYNR) credential pending the passage of the basic skills requirement.
3. Exchange Credentials -- Education Code 44830(k) allows employers to hire credentialed exchange personnel for up to one year prior to the holder completing the basic skills requirement. While there is no corresponding clause in the credentialing section, the intent is clear, and the Commission will issue one-year preliminary Exchange Credentials without the basic skills requirement. The credentials will be renewed for the remainder of the three-year period as prescribed in Title 5 once the basic skills requirement has been met.