

ADDING A TEACHING OR SUBJECT AREA TO MULTIPLE AND SINGLE SUBJECT CREDENTIALS

California Education Code, Section 44225(e) and Title 5, California Code of Regulations, Section 80499 allow a teacher to obtain an additional general education teaching credential without completing the full professional preparation program for that credential.

Qualified applicants (those who hold a valid basic general education teaching credential as defined in California Education Code, Section 44203[e][1]) may obtain an additional credential, either multiple subject or single subject, or add an additional single subject content area, when they complete the requirements listed in the following scenarios. **All** course work must be completed with a grade of “C” or better, “pass,” or “credit.”

- I am the holder of a valid Clear or Life Multiple Subject Teaching Credential and am seeking a Clear Single Subject Teaching Credential

Document completion of all of the following:

- a. Content area subject-matter competence (See Terms and Definitions)
- b. A three-semester-unit or four-quarter-unit course in methodology directly related to teaching in a departmental setting
- c. Completed application and processing fee (See How to Apply)

- I am the holder of a valid Clear or Life Single Subject Teaching Credential and am seeking a Clear Multiple Subject Teaching Credential

Document completion of all of the following:

- a. Elementary subject-matter competence (See Terms and Definitions)
- b. A three-semester-unit or four-quarter-unit course directly related to teaching in a self-contained classroom, excluding the methods of teaching reading
- c. Course work in developing English language skills for beginning readers or pass the Reading Instruction Competence Assessment ([RICA](#))
- d. Completed application and processing fee (See How to Apply)

- I am the holder of a valid Clear or Life Single Subject Teaching Credential and am seeking to add another single subject authorization

Document completion of all of the following:

- a. Content area subject-matter competence (See Terms and Definitions)
- b. Completed application and processing fee (See How to Apply)

- I am the holder of a valid Preliminary Multiple Subject Teaching Credential and am seeking a Preliminary Single Subject Teaching Credential

Document completion of all of the following:

- a. Content area subject-matter competence (See Terms and Definitions)
- b. A three-semester-unit or four-quarter-unit course in methodology directly related to teaching in a departmental setting
- c. Course work in developing English language skills, including reading (If this was satisfied for the multiple subject, it does not need to be retaken for the single subject.)
- d. Completed application and processing fee (See How to Apply)

- I am the holder of a valid Preliminary Single Subject Teaching Credential and am seeking a Preliminary Multiple Subject Teaching Credential

Document completion of all of the following:

- a. Elementary subject-matter competence (See Terms and Definitions)
- b. A three-semester-unit or four-quarter-unit course in methodology directly related to teaching in a self-contained classroom, excluding the methods of teaching reading
- c. Course work in developing English language skills for beginning readers or pass the Reading Instruction Competence Assessment ([RICA](#))
- d. Completed application and processing fee (See How to Apply)

- I am the holder of a valid Preliminary Single Subject Teaching Credential and am seeking another single subject authorization

Document completion of all of the following:

- a. Content area subject-matter competence in the additional subject (See Terms and Definitions)
- b. Completed application and processing fee (See How to Apply)

Individuals Prepared Outside of the United States

In addition to the requirements listed above, individuals prepared outside of the United States must also complete a course (two semester units or three quarter units) in the provisions and principles of the U.S. Constitution, **or** pass a U.S. Constitution examination given by a regionally-accredited college or university, unless this requirement was previously satisfied for another teaching credential issued by the Commission.

National Board Certification

Senate Bill 941 (Chap. 348, Stats. 2011) authorized the Commission to issue an authorization for an additional subject or new credential type to the holder of a valid Multiple Subject or Single Subject Teaching Credential who has earned certification from the [National Board for Professional Teaching Standards](#) (NBPTS) in an additional single subject content area or credential type (See Terms and Definitions).

- I am the holder of a valid Clear or Life Multiple Subject Teaching Credential and am seeking a Clear Single Subject Teaching Credential based on National Board certification.

Document completion of all of the following:

- a. Photocopy of National Board Certificate
- b. Completed application and processing fee (See How to Apply)

- I am the holder of a valid Clear or Life Single Subject Teaching Credential and am seeking a Clear Multiple Subject Teaching Credential based on National Board certification.

Document completion of all of the following:

- a. Photocopy of National Board Certificate
- b. Passage of a Commission-approved subject matter examination (See Terms and Definitions)
- c. Completed application and processing fee (See How to Apply)

- I am the holder of a valid Clear or Life Single Subject Teaching Credential and am seeking another single subject authorization based on National Board certification.

Document completion of all of the following:

- a. Photocopy of National Board Certificate
- b. Completed application and processing fee (See How to Apply)

- I am the holder of a valid Preliminary Multiple Subject Teaching Credential and am seeking a Preliminary Single Subject Teaching Credential based on National Board certification.

Document completion of all of the following:

- a. Photocopy of National Board Certificate
- b. Completed application and processing fee (See How to Apply)

- I am the holder of a valid Preliminary Single Subject Teaching Credential and am seeking a Preliminary Multiple Subject Teaching Credential based on National Board certification.

Document completion of all of the following:

- a. Photocopy of National Board Certificate
- b. Passage of a Commission-approved subject matter examination (See Terms and Definitions)
- c. Completed application and processing fee (See How to Apply)

- I am the holder of a valid Preliminary Single Subject Teaching Credential and am seeking another single subject authorization based on National Board certification.

Document completion of all of the following:

- a. Photocopy of National Board Certificate
- b. Completed application and processing fee (See How to Apply)

How to Apply

Applications for added teaching or subject areas may be submitted to the Commission using the [Online Direct Application](#) process (supporting documentation must be mailed), or by submitting a paper application by mail including the following items:

1. A completed application ([form 41-4](#))
2. Supporting documentation, such as transcripts, copies of test scores, National Board certificate, as applicable
3. [Application processing fee](#)

Terms and Definitions

Subject-Matter Competence

Subject-matter competence may be verified by **one** of three methods:

1. Achieve a passing score on the appropriate subject-matter examination(s). Examination information, including passing scores and registration, can be found in *Verifying Subject-Matter Competence by Examination* leaflets, [CL-674S](#) for Single Subject or [CL-674M](#) for Multiple Subject.
2. Complete a Commission-approved subject-matter program, or its equivalent, and obtain verification of completion from the authorized person in the education department of a California college or university with an approved [subject matter program](#)
3. For specialized science subjects only, individuals may take and pass the appropriate subject matter examinations or obtain verification of completion of subject-matter course work from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing. Information, including requirements and procedures, can be found in [Coded Correspondence 03-0010](#).

The following statutory subjects are available for the Single Subject Teaching Credential:

Agriculture	Industrial and Technology Education
Art	Languages other than English (specify)
Biological Sciences (Specialized)	Mathematics
Business	Music
Chemistry (Specialized)	Physical Education
English	Physics (Specialized)
Foundational-Level Mathematics	Science: Biological Sciences
Foundational-Level General Science	Science: Chemistry
Geosciences (Specialized)	Science: Geosciences
Health Science	Science: Physics
Home Economics	Social Science

National Board Certification—Subject Areas

Multiple Subject:

- Early Childhood (ages 3 – 8)/Generalist
- Middle Childhood (ages 7 – 12)/Generalist

Single Subject:

National Board Certification	California Certification
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early and Middle Childhood Certificate in Art • Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood Certificate in Art 	Single Subject Teaching Credential in Art
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Adolescence Certificate in English Language Arts • Adolescence and Young Adulthood Certificate in English Language Arts 	Single Subject Teaching Credential in English
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood Certificate in Career and Technical Education 	Single Subject Teaching Credential in Industrial and Technology Education
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood Certificate in World Languages Other Than English 	Single Subject Teaching Credential in Languages Other Than English (specify language)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood in Health 	Single Subject Teaching Credential in Health Science
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Adolescence Certificate in Mathematics • Adolescence and Young Adulthood Certificate in Mathematics 	Single Subject Teaching Credential in Mathematics
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early and Middle Childhood Certificate in Music • Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood Certificate in Music 	Single Subject Teaching Credential in Music
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early and Middle Childhood Certificate in Physical Education • Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood Certificate in Physical Education 	Single Subject Teaching Credential in Physical Education
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Adolescence Certificate in Science • Adolescence and Young Adulthood Certificate in Science 	Single Subject Teaching Credential* Foundational-Level General Science Science: Biological Sciences Science: Chemistry Science: Geosciences Science: Physics
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Adolescence Certificate in Social Studies-History • Adolescence and Young Adulthood Certificate in Social Studies-History 	Single Subject Teaching Credential in Social Science

* Teachers holding National Board Certification in the area of “Science” will be issued the specific California science authorization based upon

- 1) an out-of-state credential with a matching subject;
- 2) a copy of the individual’s NBPTS “My Profile” status page report which indicates the specific science certificate specialty area in which National Board certification was issued. A National Board score report will not meet this requirement; **or**

- 3) official (original) transcripts from a [regionally-accredited](#) college or university showing a bachelor's or higher degree major or 32 semester units of coursework in the appropriate Science subject.

The required documentation must be submitted with the photocopy of the individual's National Board Certificate and all other supporting materials. Option 2 is only available to individuals who obtained National Board Certification in Adolescence and Young Adulthood in Science.

Teachers with out-of-state credentials issued in the general subject area "Science" who hold National Board Certification in "Science" will be issued a California Single Subject Teaching Credential in Foundational-Level General Science unless a specific subject pathway is identified.