



SERVING ENGLISH LEARNERS

This leaflet provides a summary of the documents issued by the Commission that authorize instruction to English learners (EL). Complete information about the authorizations and requirements for these documents can be obtained from the Commission's website.

Requirements for Teaching English Learners

A teacher who is assigned to provide any of the following services must hold an appropriate authorization to provide the instruction to students.

- Instruction for English language development (ELD)
- Specially designed academic instruction delivered in English (SDAIE)
- Content instruction delivered in the primary language

[Table 1](#) lists the documents issued by the Commission that authorize one or more of these types of instruction to English learners. [See Other Options](#).

Documents Currently Issued by the Commission that Authorize Instruction to English Learners

Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credentials with English Learner Authorization or BCLAD Emphasis

Interested individuals should contact a college or university with a Commission-approved program for the Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credential with English learner authorization or BCLAD emphasis for admission requirements. Individuals may no longer be admitted to CLAD emphasis programs on or after July 1, 2002. All teacher candidates admitted to a Multiple or Single Subject Teacher Credential Program on or after July 1, 2002, must complete the AB 1059 English learner course work. Individuals trained outside of California must meet the requirements for the CLAD Certificate. Specific requirements may be found on the Multiple Subject Teaching Credential leaflet, [CL-561C](#) and the Single Subject Teaching Credential leaflet, [CL-560C](#).

CLAD and BCLAD Certificates

Requirements for the Crosscultural, Language and Academic Development (CLAD) Certificate may be satisfied by course work or examination(s). The Bilingual, Crosscultural, Language and Academic Development (BCLAD) Certificate may only be earned through an examination route. Individuals must have a valid prerequisite credential on file at the time of issuance of either of these certificates. Information regarding specific requirements may be found on the CLAD leaflet, [CL-628C](#), BCLAD leaflet, [CL-628B](#), and Coded Correspondence [05-0003](#), [05-0013](#), and [06-0002](#).

Bilingual Crosscultural Specialist Credentials

The requirements for a Bilingual Crosscultural Specialist Credential are possession of a valid prerequisite credential and completion of a Commission-approved Bilingual Crosscultural Specialist Program. Individuals trained outside of California must seek advisement and be recommended by a California college or university with a [Commission-approved program](#).

University Internship Credentials with English Learner Authorization or BCLAD Emphasis

Interested individuals should contact a college or university with a Commission-approved internship program for the Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credential with English learner authorization or BCLAD emphasis for admission requirements. After completing the internship program, the applicant must secure the formal recommendation of the institution for full certification. A list of colleges and universities with Commission-approved internship programs may be found on the University Internship Credentials leaflet, [CL-402A](#).

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District Intern Credentials with English Learner Authorization or BCLAD Emphasis

The District Intern Credential is an alternative route to earning a teaching credential. Within the program, an individual will earn either an English learner authorization or BCLAD emphasis. Specific requirements and contact information may be found on the District Intern Credential leaflet, [CL-707B](#).

Emergency CLAD and BCLAD Permits

Emergency CLAD and BCLAD Permits are available only at the request of the employing agency. If you wish to seek employment based upon an emergency permit, please contact your prospective employer for more information. The holder must have a valid prerequisite credential on file at the time of issuance. Effective January 1, 1998, emergency permits may be reissued to an applicant a maximum of four times authorizing a maximum of five years of service, allowing an individual five years to complete requirements for the CLAD or BCLAD Certificate. Information regarding specific requirements may be found on the Emergency Permits -- Resource Specialist, CLAD, BCLAD, and Library Media Teacher Services leaflet, [CL-533O](#).

Multiple and Single Subject Provisional Internship Permits

Multiple and Single Subject Provisional Internship Permits with English learner authorization are only available at the request of an employing agency. If you wish to seek employment based upon this permit, please contact your prospective employer. Information regarding specific requirements may be found on the Provisional Internship Permit leaflet, [CL-856](#).

Multiple and Single Subject Short-Term Staff Permits

Multiple and Single Subject Short-Term Staff Permits with English learner authorization are only available at the request of an employing agency. If you wish to seek employment based upon this permit, please contact your prospective employer. Information regarding specific requirements may be found on the Short-Term Staff Permit leaflet, [CL-858](#).

Certificates of Completion of Staff Development

The Certificate of Completion of Staff Development authorizes the holder to teach ELD and SDAIE to EL students, both within the subject matter content of the holder's basic credential. Issuance is based on completion of an appropriate staff development program. The holder must have a valid prerequisite credential on file at the time of issuance. Information regarding specific requirements may be found on the Certificate of Completion of Staff Development leaflet, [CL-824](#).

Reference: California Education Code, Sections 44203 and 44253.2 through 44253.10; and Title 5, California Code of Regulations, Sections 80015 through 80016, 80021 and 80021.1, 80024.1 through 80024.2.1, 80024.7, and 80024.8

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Table 1

Credentials, Certificates, Permits, and Supplementary Authorizations Issued by the Commission that Authorize Instruction to English Learners¹

Document	Types of Instruction Authorized		
	ELD ²	SDAIE ²	Primary Language Instruction ²
<i>Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credential with English Learner Authorization or CLAD Emphasis</i>	■	■	
<i>Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credential with a BCLAD Emphasis</i>	■	■	■
<i>Bilingual Crosscultural Specialist Credential</i>	■	■	■
<i>CLAD Certificate</i>	■	■	
<i>BCLAD Certificate</i>	■	■	■
<i>Language Development Specialist (LDS) Certificate⁵</i>	■	■	
<i>Bilingual Certificate of Competence (BCC)⁵</i>	■	■	■
<i>General Teaching Credential³</i>	■		
<i>Supplementary Authorization in English as a Second Language (ESL) or Introductory ESL⁵</i>	■		
<i>University Internship Credential with English Learner Authorization or CLAD Emphasis</i>	■	■	
<i>University Internship Credential with a BCLAD Emphasis</i>	■	■	■
<i>District Intern Credential with English Learner Authorization</i>	■	■	
<i>District Intern Credential with a BCLAD Emphasis</i>	■	■	■
<i>Special Temporary Certificate with English Learner Authorization or CLAD⁵</i>	■	■	
<i>Special Temporary Certificate with BCLAD⁵</i>	■	■	■
<i>Emergency CLAD Permit</i>	■	■	
<i>Emergency BCLAD Permit</i>	■	■	■
<i>Emergency Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Permit with English Learner Authorization or CLAD Emphasis⁵</i>	■	■	
<i>Emergency Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Permit with BCLAD Emphasis⁵</i>	■	■	■
<i>Provisional Internship Permit</i>	■	■	
<i>Short-Term Staff Permit</i>	■	■	
<i>Certificate of Completion of Staff Development⁴</i>	■	■	
<i>Certificate of Completion of Staff Development (SB 1969)^{4,6}</i>	■	■	

¹ Some of the authorizations have restrictions related to grade level and subject. See the appropriate leaflet or call the Commission for complete information about a document's authorization.

² ELD Instruction for English language development
 SDAIE Specially designed academic instruction delivered in English
 Primary Language Instruction Instruction for primary language development and content instruction delivered in the primary language

³ No longer initially issued but may be renewed. Although the holder may legally be assigned to teach ELD, the Commission does not recommend this assignment unless the holder possesses skills or training in ELD teaching.

⁴ Some of the authorizations have restrictions based on the methods used to qualify for the certificate. See the appropriate leaflet or call the Commission for complete information about the document authorization.

⁵ No longer issued but holders of valid documents may continue to serve on these documents.

⁶ Never resulted in the issuance of a certificate. The Commission served as repository of program completion information only.