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BILINGUAL AUTHORIZATIONS

Bilingual Authorizations allow the holders to provide instruction to English Learners (EL). Assembly Bill (AB) 1871, signed by the Governor on September 30, 2008, provides for the issuance of bilingual authorizations rather than certificates, and expanded the options available to meet the requirements for the Bilingual Authorization. For a summary of all documents that authorize instruction to EL students, see the leaflet *Serving English Learners*, [CL-622](#). The section below lists the types of instruction authorized by Bilingual Authorizations. Each type of instruction is defined below.

Types of Instruction to English Learners Authorized by the Bilingual authorization

- Instruction for English Language Development (ELD)
- Instruction for Primary Language Development
- Specially Designed Academic Instruction Delivered in English (SDAIE)
- Content Instruction Delivered in the Primary Language

Definitions of Types of Instruction

Instruction for *English language development* (ELD) means instruction designed specifically for EL students to develop their listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in English. This type of instruction is also known as *English as a Second Language* (ESL) or *Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages* (TESOL).

Instruction for *primary language development* means instruction for EL students to develop their listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in their primary language.

Specially Designed Academic Instruction Delivered in English (SDAIE) means instruction in a subject area delivered in English that is specially designed to provide EL students with access to the curriculum.

Content Instruction Delivered in the Primary Language means instruction for EL students in a subject area delivered in the students' primary language.

Authorization

English Language Development (ELD) and instruction for primary language development are generally authorized at the level indicated by the holder's prerequisite credential (see list of prerequisites in #1, below) including preschool, grades K-12 and in classes organized primarily for adults. With a Children's Center Instructional Permit, Child Development Permit or a Children's Center Supervision Permit, ELD and instruction for primary language development are limited to the programs authorized by the permits. With a Designated Subjects Teaching Credential in adult education, ELD and instruction for primary language development are limited to classes organized primarily for adults. With all prerequisite credentials or permits, Specially Designed Academic Instruction Delivered in English (SDAIE) and content instruction delivered in the primary language are authorized in the subjects and grade levels of the prerequisite credential or permit.



Requirements for the Bilingual Authorization

Individuals must satisfy **all** of the following requirements:

1. Possess a valid California teaching credential, Speech-Language Pathology or Clinical or Rehabilitative Services Credential with a Special Class Authorization, School Nurse Services Credential with a Special Teaching Authorization in Health, Visiting Faculty Permit, Children's Center Permit (excluding emergency), or Child Development Permit (excluding Assistant and Associate Permit) that authorizes the holder to provide instruction to pupils.

The following, however, are **not** appropriate prerequisite credentials or permits:

- Emergency Permits
- Provisional Internship Permits
- Short-Term Staff Permits
- District Intern Credentials
- University Intern Credentials
- Exchange Credentials
- Sojourn Certificated Employee Credentials
- Services credentials without a special class authorization

2. Verify **one** of the following:

- a. Valid Language Development Specialist (LDS) Certificate, CLAD Certificate, teaching credential with an English Learner Authorization or CLAD Emphasis, or
- b. Eligibility for a CLAD Certificate or teaching credential with an English learner authorization based on one of the following:
 - Passing scores on Subtests 1, 2 and 3 of the California Teacher of English Learners (CTEL) Examination. Scores used for certification purposes may be no older than five years from the individual passed exam date.
 - Possession of an out-of-state credential showing an English learner authorization
 - Possession of the [National Board for Professional Teaching Standards](#) certificate in Early and Middle Childhood/English as a New Language or Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood/English as a New Language.

3. Verify **one** of the following:

- a. Passing scores on Tests II (or III depending on the language, covering Language and Communication), IV, and V of the California Subject Examinations for Teachers (CSET): World Languages. Scores used for certification purposes may be no older than five years from the individual passed exam date.
- b. Completion of course work in a Commission-approved bilingual program. Once the program has been completed, the program sponsor must recommend the applicant for the Bilingual Authorization.
- c. Completion of course work in a Commission-approved bilingual program combined with passing scores on the CSET: World Languages Examination(s), based on equivalency as determined by a Commission-approved Bilingual Authorization program. For more information, see [Coded Correspondence 10-07](#).

Teachers who hold a valid, non-emergency California Single Subject or Standard Secondary Teaching Credential with a major in a language other than English need not take Test II or III of the CSET: World Languages Exam to qualify for a bilingual authorization in that language. Teachers who hold a three-year or higher degree from a foreign institution in which all instruction is delivered in a language other than English also do not need to take Test II or III to qualify for a bilingual authorization in that language. The foreign



institution must be equivalent in status to a regionally-accredited institution of higher education in the United States.

Transition from the BCLAD Examination to the CSET: World Languages Examination

The seven-year period of score validity for the BCLAD examination ended June 23, 2014. Candidates completing examinations who have not already obtained the Bilingual Authorization based on passing one or more sections of the BCLAD examination must qualify for the Bilingual Authorization by passing all the CSET: World Languages subtests in the target language. The period of score validity for the CSET: World Languages examination is **five** years.

Examination Information

The CTEL examinations consist of the following three tests:

- CTEL 1: Language and Language Structure
- CTEL 2: Assessment and Instruction
- CTEL 3: Culture and Inclusion

The CSET: World Languages examinations used for bilingual authorizations consist of the following three tests:

- Test II (or III depending on specific language): Language and Communication
(Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing)
- Test IV: Bilingual Education and Bilingualism
- Test V: Geographic, Historical, Sociopolitical, and Sociocultural Contexts

Information regarding test dates, fees, and registration may be obtained by contacting the CSET program directly. See Table 1 for a list of the bilingual subtests by language.

CSET Program	(800) 205-3334 or (916) 928-4003
Evaluation Systems	9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Pacific Time - M–F (excl. holidays)
Group of Pearson	6:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Pacific Time (Saturday test dates only)
P.O. Box 340789	TTY: (866) 483-6461 or (916) 928-4191
Sacramento, CA 95834-0789	(Automated information system available 24 hours daily)
http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com	

Assessor Agency for Portuguese

To earn a Bilingual authorization in Portuguese, individuals may take the CSET: World Languages Subtest IV (Bilingual Education and Bilingualism) and the Bilingual assessment administered by the following Commission-approved assessor agency:

California State University-Stanislaus
1 University Circle
Turlock, CA 95382
(209) 667-3638
Contact: Dr. Elmano Costa
CSU Stanislaus Center for Portuguese Studies
ecosta@csustan.edu



Obtaining a Bilingual Authorization Based on a Previously Issued Comparable Document

Individuals holding a valid Bilingual Certificate of Competence (BCC) or BCLAD Certificate may apply to have a Bilingual Authorization added to any valid prerequisite credential or permit with the submission of an application ([form 41-4](#)) and [current application fee](#). Please note that a separate application and fee will be required for each document for which the authorization is requested. This action is **not** required. The BCC and BCLAD Certificate authorize the same service as the Bilingual Authorization and remain valid as long as the teacher's prerequisite teaching credential remains valid.

Out-of-State Prepared Individuals with Bilingual Authorization

If an individual has evidence of a full bilingual authorization from a state other than California and submits the information with the application packet, an EL authorization will be listed on the corresponding teaching credential. The applicant may not earn a bilingual authorization on their California credential or permit on the basis of a bilingual authorization noted on an out-of-state credential.

Applying for a Bilingual Authorization

Individuals that complete a Bilingual Authorization program or a combination of program course work and bilingual examinations will be recommended by their Commission-approved Bilingual Authorization program sponsor and complete the application and payment online. Individuals passing all the required CSET: World Languages subtests and meet the requirements below may apply directly to the Commission for the Bilingual Authorization by submitting **all** of the following:

1. **One** of the following:
 - a. Verify holding or eligibility for a CLAD Certificate or teaching credential with an English learner authorization (For more information, see leaflet [CL-628C](#))
 - b. Original or copy of a CTEL Examination score report
 - c. Photocopy of an out-of-state credential showing a full English learner authorization
2. Original or copy of the CSET: World Languages Examination score report
3. Completed application ([form 41-4](#))
4. Application [processing fee](#)

Applicants requesting the bilingual authorization who hold more than one eligible document must designate the specific prerequisite document to which the authorization should be added. If more than one valid prerequisite document is held, it is not necessary to file an additional application or pay an additional fee, as the authorization on one document already applies to all other valid prerequisites held by the teacher. However, if an individual wants to add the authorization to more than one document, a separate application and fee will be required for each additional valid prerequisite document.

Submit the materials listed above through your employer or directly to:

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Certification Division

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Reference: California Education Code, Sections 44203 and 44253.1 through 44253.10; and Title 5, California Code of Regulations, Sections 80015 through 80016, 80024.1 through 80024.2.1, 80024.7, and 80024.8



Table 1
CSET Subtests Required for the Bilingual Authorization

- The first subtest listed (either Subtest II or Subtest III, depending on the language) assesses language and communication skills.

NOTE: the language and communication skills subtest that can be used toward a Bilingual Authorization is the same subtest for that content area as is used toward obtaining the Single Subject Teaching Credential in the corresponding language other than English.

- Subtest IV does not focus on any specific language (the same test applies to all languages) and assesses the methodology of bilingual education.
- Subtest V assesses bilingual cultural knowledge (the same test is used for Cantonese and Mandarin).

Bilingual Authorization Area	CSET Subtests Required
Arabic	Arabic Subtest II* (193) World Languages Subtest IV (250) Arabic Subtest V (251)
Armenian	Armenian Subtest II* (195) World Languages Subtest IV (250) Armenian Subtest V (252)
Cantonese	Cantonese Subtest III* (204) World Languages Subtest IV (250) Chinese Subtest V (253)
Farsi	Farsi Subtest II* (197) World Languages Subtest IV (250) Farsi Subtest V (254)
Filipino	Filipino Subtest II* (191) World Languages Subtest IV (250) Filipino Subtest V (255)
French	French Subtest III* (150) World Languages Subtest IV (250) French Subtest V (256)
German	German Subtest III* (153) World Languages Subtest IV (250) German Subtest V (257)
Hmong	Hmong Subtest II* (199) World Languages Subtest IV (250) Hmong Subtest V (259)
Japanese	Japanese Subtest III* (159) World Languages Subtest IV (250) Japanese Subtest V (260)
Khmer	Khmer Subtest II* (201) World Languages Subtest IV (250) Khmer Subtest V (261)
Korean	Korean Subtest III* (162) World Languages Subtest IV (250) Korean Subtest V (262)



Bilingual Authorization Area	CSET Subtests Required (cont.)
Mandarin	Mandarin Subtest III* (165) World Languages Subtest IV (250) Chinese Subtest V (253)
Punjabi	Punjabi Subtest III* (168) World Languages Subtest IV (250) Punjabi Subtest V (263)
Russian	Russian Subtest III* (156) World Languages Subtest IV (250) Russian Subtest V (264)
Spanish	Spanish Subtest III* (147) World Languages Subtest IV (250) Spanish Subtest V (258)
Vietnamese	Vietnamese Subtest III* (171) World Languages Subtest IV (250) Vietnamese Subtest V (265)

**For the Bilingual Authorization, passage of this subtest is not required if (1) you hold a valid, nonemergency Single Subject or Standard Secondary Teaching Credential with a major in the language authorized by the Bilingual Authorization you are seeking or (2) you hold a three-year or higher degree from a foreign institution in which all instruction is delivered in the language authorized by the Bilingual Authorization you are seeking and the institution is equivalent in status to a regionally accredited institution of higher education in the United States.*

