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## THE READING CERTIFICATE

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The Reading Certificate authorizes the holder to assess student reading and provide reading instruction in response to those assessments. Reading Certificate holders are also authorized to develop, implement, and adapt the reading content curriculum and assist classroom teachers in these areas. Holders of the Reading Certificate may perform those services at one or more school sites at the grade levels authorized by their prerequisite teaching credential.

### Requirements for the Certificate

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

1. Hold a valid teaching credential—the prerequisite teaching credential may be **one** of the following:
  - a. a teaching credential requiring a bachelor's degree and a professional preparation program, including student teaching
  - b. a clear, full-time designated subjects teaching credential, provided that the holder also possesses a bachelor's degree and has met the basic skills requirement. See Commission leaflet [CL-667](#), entitled *Basic Skills Requirement*, for additional information.
2. Provide verification of three years successful, full-time teaching experience in any grade or subject, preschool through adults (Verification may be provided by a letter or other appropriate documentation by the candidate's employer. Acceptable experience does **not** include student teaching, internship teaching, or teaching while holding an emergency permit. This experience may also be gained outside of California.)
3. Complete a reading certificate program through a California college or university, resulting in a formal recommendation for the certificate

Course work for the direct application of the Reading Certificate must have been completed by June 30, 2000. Applicants may continue to earn the three years of teaching experience required to qualify for the certificate after this date. There is no specific date by which an applicant must submit an application for the Reading Certificate as long as the course work was completed prior to June 30, 2000.

*References: Title 5, California Code of Regulations, Section 80014 and 80014.2*

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