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Commission on Teacher Credentialing
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EXAMINATIONS FOR TEACHER CERTIFICATION

California state laws and regulations require individuals pursuing credentials authorizing service in California's public schools to verify proficiency in a number of areas. The required level of proficiency may be verified by passing one or more Commission-approved examinations. Refer to the information leaflet related to the credential you are seeking for your specific examination requirements. It is an individual's responsibility to take the correct examination(s) and to contact the Commission when questions arise.

The following is a reference list of the examination programs and testing companies under contract with the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to administer each examination. Contact the testing company to obtain examination registration materials and information on administration procedures, examination score reports, and preparation materials. Faxed registration forms are not acceptable.

When new examinations are created to replace existing examinations, there is often a delay in receiving score results from the initial administration of new examinations because of the time it takes to establish passing standards. Check the Commission's website often for updates.

Examination and Testing Companies

California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST)

Demonstration of proficiency in basic reading, writing, and mathematics skills

CBEST Program	Phone: (916) 928-4001
Evaluation Systems	TDD: (916) 928-4191
Pearson	Automated System (24 hours a day):
P.O. Box 340880	(800) 262-5080
Sacramento, CA 95834-0880	Website: http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com

For information regarding additional examination options to meet California's Basic Skills Requirement, see [Credential Leaflet CL-667](#).

California Subject Examinations for Teachers (CSET)

Demonstration of subject-matter competence for Single Subject and Multiple Subject Teaching Credentials. Information regarding appropriate subject-matter examinations can be found in Verifying Subject Matter Competency by Examination leaflets [CL-674M](#) for Multiple Subject or [CL-674S](#) for Single Subject.

CSET Program	Phone: (916) 928-4003
Evaluation Systems	Teletypewriter (TTY): (866) 483-6461 or
Pearson	(916) 928-4191
P.O. Box 340789	Automated System (24 hours a day):
Sacramento, CA 95834-0789	(800) 205-3334
	Website: http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com

California Teacher of English Learners (CTEL) Examination

Demonstration of competence in knowledge, skills and abilities necessary for effective teaching of English learners

CTEL Program
Evaluation Systems
Pearson
P.O. Box 340819
Sacramento, CA 95834-0819

Phone: (916) 928-4002
Teletypewriter (TTY):
(916) 928-4191
Automated System (24 hours a day):
(866) 851-3815
Website: <http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com>

California Subject Examinations for Teachers: World Languages (Languages Other Than English)

Passing CSET: World Languages examination scores are valid for five years from the individual passed test date and may be used for certification purposes towards obtaining a bilingual authorization. Please see Credential Leaflet [CL-628B](#), entitled Bilingual Authorizations. Also see the [CSET Website](#) for additional information.

Reading Instruction Competence Assessment (RICA)

Demonstration of knowledge and skills necessary for effective teaching of reading

RICA Program
Evaluation Systems
Pearson
P.O. Box 348150
Sacramento, CA 95834-8150

Phone: (916) 928-4004
Teletypewriter (TTY): (866) 483-6461 or
(916) 928-4191
Automated System (24 hours a day):
(888)793-7999
Website: <http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com>

Preliminary Educational Technology Test (PET)*

Demonstration of effective use of technology at the foundational level

CSET Program
Evaluation Systems
Pearson
P.O. Box 340789
Sacramento, CA 95834-0789
Phone: (916) 928-4003

Teletypewriter (TTY): (866) 483-6461 or
(916) 928-4191
Automated system (24 hours a day):
(800) 205-3334
Website:
http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com/test_info_CSET.asp?t=133

*This examination is only applicable to credential candidates meeting the foundational level technology requirement outside of a Commission-approved program, such as those using 6 years private school experience, teachers prepared outside California, etc.

California Preliminary Administrative Credential Examination (CPACE)*

Demonstration of skills in situational analysis, problem solving and decision making in educational leadership

The CPACE Program
Evaluation Systems
Pearson
P.O. Box 340880
Sacramento, CA 95834-0880
Phone: (916) 928-4048

Automated System (24 hours daily):
(866) 496-7314
Teletypewriter (TTY) number: (866) 483-6461 or (916)
928-419
Website:
http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com/test_info_CPACE.asp

* Registration for the revised version of the CPACE is now available on the testing agency's website.

Other Evaluation Systems Contact Information

Phone times: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Pacific time, Monday–Friday, excluding holidays
6:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m. Pacific time, Saturday test dates only
Fax number: (866) 483-6460 or (916) 928-6110

National Evaluation Series (NES) Assessment of Professional Knowledge (APK)

Demonstration of knowledge related to basic teaching education foundations and pedagogy to satisfy the required education courses for the Early Completion Intern Option. Credential candidates must pass either the [NES APK: Elementary \(Test code 051\)](#) for Multiple Subject candidates or the [NES APK: Secondary \(Test code 052\)](#) for Single Subject candidates.

Pearson Assessments
National Evaluation Series
P.O. Box 226
Amherst, MA 01004
Teacher Licensure Testing & Performance Assessment
Phone: (413) 256-0444
Website: http://www.nestest.com/PageView.aspx?f=GEN_Tests.html

Speech-Language Pathology (SLP)

Demonstration of skills equal to the proficiency used by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association for their certification requirements.

ETS – The Praxis Series
P.O. Box 6051
Princeton, NJ 08541-6051
(800) 772-9476 or (609) 771-7395
Teletypewriter (TTY): (609) 771-7714
Automated System (24 hours a day): (800) 772-9476
Website: <http://www.ets.org/praxis/ca/requirements/>

Test Score Reports

Information on obtaining test score reports may be found on the testing agency websites:

- Evaluation Systems-Pearson: <http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com/results.asp>
- Educational Testing Service (ETS): <https://www.ets.org/praxis/scores>
- National Evaluation Series (NES): http://www.nestest.com/PageView.aspx?f=GEN_GetResults.html