



# Single Subject Teaching Credential

## Teachers with National Board Certification

*What will this authorize me to do?*

**Online Direct Application Requirements Checklist:**

Submit this checklist and the required supporting materials listed below within thirty (30) calendar days of completing the online portion of your application for the Single Subject Teaching Credential based on National Board Certification. Late submission of supporting materials will result in the application being denied (5 California Code of Regulations Section 80487).

Print and mail this checklist, the Online Direct Application Coversheet, and all supporting materials to:

Commission on Teacher Credentialing  
Attn: Online Direct Applications  
1900 Capitol Avenue  
Sacramento, CA 95811-4213

**Statutory Subjects Available for the Clear California Single Subject Teaching Credential based on National Board Certification:**

Art	Music
English	Physical Education
Foundational-Level General Science	Science: Biological Sciences
Health Science	Science: Chemistry
Industrial and Technology Education	Science: Geosciences
Languages Other Than English (specify language)	Science: Physics
Mathematics	Social Science

**Requirements checklist for the Clear Single Subject Teaching Credential (National Board Certification):**

- Include this checklist;
- Online direct application coversheet (this will be available for printing after you complete Step 2 of the Online Direct Application Process);
- Photocopy of [National Board Certification](#) in the subject area requested for the California Single Subject Credential;

Refer to [Table 1](#) below for a list of qualifying areas of National Board Certification.

One of the following:

- Possess a valid California Preliminary Single Subject Teaching Credential in the subject area corresponding to the subject area of earned National Board Certification; **or**
- Photocopy (front and back as applicable) of a comparable, professional-level teaching credential earned in a state or U.S. territory other than California **or** an original letter on official letterhead from an out-of-state education licensing agency that verifies an individual earned and was issued a teaching certificate in the subject requested for the California Single Subject Teaching Credential. The letter must include the following information: certification level, subject area(s), and period of validity.
  - The credential does not have to be valid at the time of application
  - If the out-of-state credential is in a subject area that does not correspond with a California area (ex: authorizes middle school service only, ESL, etc.), you **must** satisfy California's subject-matter requirement by verifying your completion of a degree major or a minimum of 32 semester units of coursework in the subject area requested or by submitting photocopies of your passing CSET exams scores for the requested subject. Exam scores may not be more than five years old.
  - 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, **or**
    - 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.

Indicate how you will or did meet the [fingerprint](#) clearance requirement:

- First-time applicants: submit form [41-LS](#), or
- Previously applied for California credential, certificate or permit and have completed the Commission fingerprint requirement; and
- Applicable documentation as required for the Professional Fitness Questions.

### **Certification**

I verify I have met the requirements, have printed this checklist and am ready to complete the Online Direct Application Process, which will require me to make a nonrefundable payment by credit card.

At the conclusion of the Online Direct Application Process, print the Online Direct Application Coversheet.

### **Authorization**

*The Single Subject Teaching Credential authorizes the holder to teach the specific subject(s) named on the credential in departmentalized classes such as those in most middle schools and high schools. However, a teacher authorized for single subject instruction may be assigned to teach any subject in his or her authorized fields at any grade level (preschool, grades K–12, or in classes organized primarily for adult).*

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**Table 1: Qualifying Areas of National Board Certification**

National Board Certification	Corresponding California Certification
Early and Middle Childhood Certificate in Art, or Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood Certificate in Art	Clear Single Subject Teaching Credential in Art
Early Adolescence Certificate in English Language Arts, or Adolescence and Young Adulthood Certificate in English Language Arts	Clear Single Subject Teaching Credential in English
Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood Certificate in Career and Technical Education	Clear Single Subject Teaching Credential in Industrial and Technology Education
Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood Certificate in World Languages Other Than English	Clear Single Subject Teaching Credential in Languages Other Than English (specify language)
Early Adolescence Certificate in Mathematics, or Adolescence and Young Adulthood Certificate in Mathematics	Clear Single Subject Teaching Credential in Mathematics
Early and Middle Childhood Certificate in Music, or Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood Certificate in Music	Clear Single Subject Teaching Credential in Music
Early and Middle Childhood Certificate in Physical Education, or Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood Certificate in Physical Education	Clear Single Subject Teaching Credential in Physical Education
Early Adolescence Certificate in Science, or Adolescence and Young Adulthood Certificate in Science	Clear Single Subject Teaching Credential in: Foundational-Level General Science Science: Biological Sciences Science: Chemistry Science: Geosciences Science: Physics
Early Adolescence Certificate in Social Studies-History, or Adolescence and Young Adulthood Certificate in Social Science-History	Clear Single Subject Teaching Credential in Social Science
Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood Certificate in Health	Clear Single Subject Teaching Credential in Health Science

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