

**SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION TO APPLICANTS FOR APPOINTMENT
TO THE COMMITTEE OF CREDENTIALS**

Why this application is required of all persons who wish to serve on the Committee of Credentials:

The Committee of Credentials and the Commission on Teacher Credentialing are charged by law with evaluation of the moral character and fitness of all persons who wish to teach or perform certified services in the public schools. The Commission, which appoints members to the Committee, is deeply concerned that the evaluators it appoints will meet the same high standards that will be applied to the teachers and applicants whom they evaluate.

The Committee of Credentials is a working Committee which must meet 4 days each month in Sacramento during which it spends many hours reading investigative reports, weighing evidence, questioning credential applicants and holders and debating group decisions which deeply affect the lives and livelihoods of persons before it; all without revealing or disclosure to any other persons the information received through investigation or hearings.

Successful applicants for Committee membership will receive little or no public credit for a job well done, but they will be much appreciated by a grateful Commission on Teacher Credentialing and by the school children who may never know the Committee members' names, but whose safety will have been secured by their efforts.

1. Please designate the category or appointment for which you qualify. Qualifications are set by law and may not be waived.
2. The application is in two parts: the **Application for Appointment** and the **Application for Character and Identification Clearance**. If you now *hold* any credential or certificate authorizing teaching or service in California public schools, you need *not* complete item F.
3. All questions on the application form are to be answered in the spaces provided. Resumés are to be used for supplementary purposes only.
4. Please type or print legibly using black ribbon or black ball-point so that your application can be reproduced.
5. Please sign your application and send or deliver it to:

California Commission on Teacher Credentialing
Division of Professional Practices
1900 Capitol Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95814-4213

4. Membership in professional associations. Please include dates of membership.

5. Evidence of recent educational involvement, i.e., committees/commissions. Please include dates of membership.

D. ADDITIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS:

Please summarize your accomplishments and involvement in community service which you believe would contribute to your value as a member of the Committee of Credentials:

E. ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND:

The work of the Committee of Credentials requires sensitivity to or experience with community standards of behavior as applied to certificated persons. It also requires an ability to analyze evidence as it relates to such behavior and the circumstances and conditions under which certificated persons are employed. What skills/experiences do you have that will assist the work of the Committee?

F. Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor?

Yes No

(If yes, attach explanation)

You must be eligible for a Certificate of Clearance. (See instruction sheet for further information)

G. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

All applicants must provide at least two (2) letters of recommendation and a letter from their current employer granting time off each month for Committee work. These letters must be submitted with your application.

VERIFICATION BY APPLICANT

I hereby certify that all statements made in this application are true and correct. I understand that if I am selected for appointment I must execute an Oath of Office and abide by the laws and rules applicable to officers of the State of California.

Signature

Date

You may attach a resumé and other materials you wish the Commission to consider.

General Information

Members of the Committee of Credentials serve without compensation, but receive their necessary travel expenses at rates set by the State Board of Control.

In addition, members who would lose compensation by reason of attendance receive a stipend of one hundred dollars (\$100) per day unless they are employees of a public agency, in which case their public employers are required by law to grant them sufficient time away from their regular duties without loss of income or benefits while performing their Committee meeting duties.

The Committee meets in Sacramento, usually on the Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of the third week of each month. Members generally must spend at least one-half day immediately preceding each meeting reviewing files and materials at the Commission offices. Regular and reliable attendance is mandatory, although absence for good cause may be excused.

Applicants should demonstrate that requirements for initial consideration are satisfied and, in addition, should provide complete information relative to educational background, work and professional achievements, community service and involvement.

Your application and resumé, if submitted, will be open to public inspection as a part of the selection process. The Commission reimburses school districts for the cost of any classroom substitutes needed as a result of a Committee member's attendance at a meeting.

The Commission on Teacher Credentialing is an affirmative action agency offering equal opportunity to all regardless of sex, race, religion, ancestry or disability. We encourage applications from a diverse cross-section of qualified applicants.

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