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To: All Individuals and Groups Interested in the Activities of the California  
Commission on Teacher Credentialing

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Subject: English Learner Authorization for Experienced Private School Teachers

Senate Bill 57 (Chapter 269, Statutes of 2001) added Section 44259.2 to the Education Code allowing the Commission to accept six years of full-time accredited private school teaching experience in lieu of a teacher preparation program including the fieldwork/student teaching component to earn a multiple or single subject credential.

Senate Bill 1209 (Chapter 517, Statutes of 2006) was signed by the Governor on September 28, 2006. Provisions in this bill add a requirement to ensure that all teachers are prepared to educate students who are English learners (EL). Beginning issuance date January 1, 2007, teachers with six or more years of appropriate private school experience, in addition to other requirements, must also earn an English learner authorization to qualify for the clear credential. This may be met by one of the following:

- 1) Hold a Crosscultural Language and Academic Development (CLAD) Certificate, Bilingual Crosscultural Language and Academic Development (BCLAD) Certificate, or a Certificate of Completion of Staff Development (CCSD) \*;
- 2) Complete the appropriate CLAD course work (additional information will be distributed when the California Teacher of English Learners [CTEL] course work becomes available);
- 3) Complete the appropriate CLAD examinations, or
- 4) Hold an out-of-state credential that authorizes instruction of English learners.

\* There are specific experience requirements to earn the CCSD so this may not be a route for private school teachers. See the Commission's leaflet on the Certificate (CL-824) for additional information.

An individual must hold a California English learner authorization prior to issuance of a clear multiple or single subject credential based on the six or more years of private school experience route. The Commission may issue a preliminary multiple or single subject credential to applicants who have not yet met the EL requirement.

Individuals completing options 2 or 3 above without earning a CLAD certificate may submit verification of the appropriate course work or examinations and the EL authorization will be listed on their multiple or single subject credential document. An application and appropriate fee must be submitted with the supporting materials.

For option 4, the amended Education Code section 44253.3(e) allows teachers who hold an out-of-state credential that authorizes instruction of English learners to earn a Crosscultural Language and Academic Development (CLAD) Certificate. The authorization may be earned by submitting an application, fee, and appropriate supporting materials to the Commission or by submitting verification of the appropriate out-of-state EL authorization along with the requirements for the multiple subject or single subject credential and the EL authorization will be listed on their credential document for one fee. Specific details on earning an English learner authorization based on an out-of-state English learner authorization will be sent in a separate coded correspondence.

**References:**

<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl628c.html> - CLAD Certificate Information leaflet

<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl628b.pdf> - BCLAD Certificate Information leaflet

<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl824.pdf> - CCSD Information leaflet

<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl834.pdf> - Private School Experience Route Information leaflet

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