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

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SUBJECT: Renewal Options for Ryan Preliminary Multiple and Single Subject Teaching Credentials

Summary:
The Commission launched a major reform in teacher education in 2001 when Senate Bill (SB) 2042 (Chap. 548, Stats. 1998) was enacted to replace the Ryan multiple and single subject teaching credentials. Since that time, teacher preparation programs transitioned from Ryan to SB 2042 programs and cut-off dates for phases of the Ryan programs were established. Effective January 1, 2004, individuals may only enroll in and complete an SB 2042 program. As institutions have transitioned to offering only the SB 2042 programs, there are fewer individuals who need to complete the Ryan clear credential course work.

It has become difficult for some individuals to find the course work required for renewal of their Ryan credentials. The options available to individuals to earn their Ryan clear credential, including information concerning approved program sponsors for each option, are detailed in this correspondence.

Key Provisions:
The Ryan credential requirements allow individuals to complete a fifth year of study and/or four additional courses prior to receiving their preliminary credential. In order to determine which requirements must be met to earn the clear credential, it is necessary to carefully check the individual’s credential. Individuals with an ‘R14C’ renewal code on their credential should contact the Commission for assistance to determine specific renewal requirements.

There are three options for holders of a Preliminary Ryan Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credential to earn a Clear Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credential:
1) Complete a Ryan fifth-year of study and, if not completed for the preliminary, the four Ryan clear credential courses of health education including CPR, mainstreaming, computer technology, and advanced teaching English learners. Advanced teaching English learners is only required for individuals issued a preliminary multiple or single subject credential after July 1, 2003, that do not hold an English learner authorization.

   If the Ryan fifth-year of study is completed in California, individuals must contact the college or university and be recommended by the approved program sponsor. See list at the link in the Reference section.

   If the fifth-year of study is completed outside of California or if the fifth year was completed prior to issuance of the preliminary credential, individuals may apply directly to the CTC with evidence of completion of the courses with official transcripts.

2) Complete a Commission-approved SB 2042 Induction Program and, if not completed for the preliminary, the CPR requirement.

   Individuals must contact the induction program and be recommended by the approved Induction Program sponsor. See list at the link in the Reference section.

3) Complete a Commission-approved SB 2042 Fifth-Year of Study Program and, if not completed for the preliminary, the CPR requirement.

   Individuals must contact the college or university and be recommended by the approved SB 2042 Fifth-Year of Study Program sponsor. See the list of sponsors in the approved program chart at the link in the Reference section. Use the pull down menu for ‘Other - 2042 5th Year’.

An application, appropriate fees, and supporting materials are required for each application packet submitted to the Commission.

Background:
Legislative initiatives of the 1960's, 1970's, and 1980's helped define the structure of professional preparation teacher training programs. The Ryan Act of 1970 defined new competencies and standards required of all candidates to take the place of the Fisher Act (Standard) credentials. Following the passage of SB 2042 in 1998, the Commission launched a substantial revision of its standards for teacher preparation designed to significantly improve the preparation of K-12 teachers.

At its September 2001 meeting, the Commission approved new standards for Professional Teacher Preparation Programs for Multiple and Single Subject Teaching Credential and Elementary Subject-Matter Programs and adopted an implementation plan for transitioning to the new standards.

Source:
SB 2042 (Chap. 548, Stats. 1998)
References:
CTC Approved Program Chart: http://134.186.81.78/CAW_CIG/FMPro?-DB=CIG_Approved_Program_Matrix.fp5&-Format=FMW-ApprovedPrograms.html&-sortfield=institution%20type&-sortfield=Name&-max=all&-FindAll

▪ Ryan Fifth-Year Programs may be found at any California institution with approved Ryan Multiple and Single Subject Programs.

▪ SB 2042 Fifth-Year Programs may be found on the pull down menu as ‘Other-2042 5th Year’.

Commission-Approved Induction Programs:
http://134.186.79/fmi/xsl/CTC_Induction/induction.xsl

Contact Information:
Contact the Commission’s Information Services Unit by telephone at 1-888-921-2682, Monday through Friday between 1:00 pm to 4:45 pm or by email at credentials@ctc.ca.gov.