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TO: Deans and Heads of Education of Teacher Preparation Institutions

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SUBJECT: Application Processes Effective Until September 15, 1976

The elimination of direct applications for certain credentials has adversely affected some candidates who have been pursuing courses of study in California institutions designed to lead to "partial" or "postponed requirements" credentials.

Application eligibility and processes applicable to each credential are provided for clarification.

1. Recommendation by an institution having the appropriate approved program is required for each of the following credentials:
 - Standard Early Childhood
 - Standard Elementary
 - Standard Secondary
 - Standard Designated Services (Pupil Personnel)
 - Standard Supervision
 - Standard Administration
2. Institutions which are presently approved for offering standard credential programs (Fisher) may recommend candidates until September 15, 1976, for either clear or partial fulfillment of requirements credentials, when their candidates have completed or have met all the requirements specified for such credentials. Credentials to which this applies include:
 - (a) Standard early childhood, elementary, or secondary credentials, with special education or librarianship in lieu of a minor. (Institution must have been approved for the specialized area.)

- (b) Standard Designated Services
 - (c) Standard Designated Subjects
3. Both direct applications and recommendations from institutions having approved programs may be made until September 15, 1976 for each of the following credentials because existing approved program regulations do not contain the language prohibiting direct application as do those listed in #1 above:
- (a) All restricted credentials in special education listed in section 6571 of Title 5 California Administrative Code, including issuance on postponement of requirements.
 - (b) All Standard Designated Subjects credentials, including issuance on partial fulfillment of requirements. (Institution must have approved program.)
 - (c) Standard Designated Services credential with a specialization in Health (School Nurse) issued on partial fulfillment of requirements.
4. Some students have been pursuing coursework which would have qualified them for partial fulfillment or postponement of requirements credentials on direct application. A number of institutions have been offering such partial programs while planning, developing, and staffing to seek approval for a full program. Still other institutions have admitted candidates for Fisher credentials having majors in subjects for which they are not accredited. Such students were previously recommended informally or made direct applications.

Because these students are now caught, and adversely affected, by the elimination of direct application, it is necessary and just to provide a means for these students to earn credentials when qualified. These students should be considered as appealing to the Commission on the basis of being adversely affected. Each such application should bear the informal recommendation of the institution providing the field work, if such was required, or otherwise by the institution providing the majority of the most recent professional preparation. Each application should carry with it an explanation of the reasons the institution cannot recommend regularly. These appeal applications will be considered by the Commission at the next possible Commission meeting.

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