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TO: Deans and Directors of Teacher Education

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SUBJECT: Internship Credentials for Candidates Enrolled in Multiple and Single Subject Programs

At its February meeting, the Commission adopted the following policy statement on the issuance of internship credentials for candidates enrolled in multiple and single subject programs:

The Commission will issue internship credentials to candidates who have verified subject matter knowledge either through 1) passage of the appropriate National Teacher Examinations or 2) to students who have completed or enrolled in a subject-matter waiver. For students enrolled in a subject-matter program, the internship credential will be issued for a period of only one year and is not reissuable. This policy will become effective on October 1, 1980.

This means that for candidates who have either passed the appropriate NTE examination or who have completed an appropriate waiver program, the internship credential is issued for two years, whereas for those enrolled in a waiver program (and who have not verified subject-matter knowledge) the credential will be issued for only one year and will not be reissued to them unless they verify subject-matter knowledge. After October 1, 1980, candidates enrolled in a program, who have not verified subject-matter knowledge will not have the internship credential reissued and thus will not be able to continue in the internship program. This policy means that anyone enrolled in a program without subject-matter verification and holding the internship credential, will have only one year to verify subject-matter knowledge.

Currently this policy affects only a few institutions, but I thought I should disseminate it widely so that institutions contemplating offering internship programs would be aware of it.

Best regards.