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TO: All Individuals and Groups Interested in the Activities of
 the Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing

FROM: Peter L. LoPresti, Executive Secretary *Peter L. LoPresti*

SUBJECT: Cut-off Dates for the Learning Handicapped, Severely Handicapped,
 and Bilingual/Cross Cultural Specialist Instruction Credentials
 by Direct Application.

The Commission took action to not extend the September 1980 cut-off date for obtaining the Learning Handicapped, Severely Handicapped and Bilingual/Cross Cultural Specialist Instruction Credentials by direct application and directed staff to so notify the field. The direct application provisions for the Learning Handicapped and Severely Handicapped Specialist Instruction Credentials will terminate on September 15, 1980. The direct application provision for the Bilingual/Cross Cultural Specialist Instruction will terminate on September 1, 1980.

During the period between November 1, 1976 and December 31, 1979, the Commission issued 10,771 Learning Handicapped Specialist Instruction Credentials; 2,856 Severely Handicapped Specialist Instruction Credentials; and 929 Bilingual/Cross Cultural Specialist Instruction Credentials on direct application. As the table below indicates, the number of direct applications for these three credentials have decreased markedly since 1976-77.

Available Statistics

Number of Specialist (Learning Handicapped, Severely Handicapped, Bilingual/Cross Cultural) Instruction Credentials issued on Direct Application.

Specialist Credential Type (Nov.-June)	FISCAL YEAR				TOTALS
	1976-77	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80	
Learning Handicapped	4,601 (43%)	2,945 (27%)	2,903 (27%)	322 (3%)	10,771 (100%)
Severely Handicapped	1,088 (38%)	871 (31%)	777 (27%)	120 (4%)	2,856 (100%)
Bilingual/Cross Cultural	92 (10%)	530 (57%)	196 (21%)	111 (12%)	929 (100%)

Applications made directly to the Commission for Learning Handicapped and/or Severely Handicapped Specialist Instruction credentials must be filed and all requirements completed by September 15, 1980. Direct application for these credentials is restricted to holders of emergency or preliminary Learning Handicapped Specialist credentials; or to applicants who can verify one full year of teaching experience in learning handicapped classes completed prior to December 31, 1976.

Applications made directly to the Commission for Bilingual/Cross Cultural Specialist credentials must be filed and all requirements completed by September 1, 1980.

Persons not able to meet the deadlines specified above will be required to obtain the recommendation of a California institution approved to offer these specialist programs.

Your cooperation in implementing statutes and regulations providing for direct application of specified Specialist Instruction credentials has been exemplary and very much appreciated. Thanks for a job very well done.