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

FROM: *John F. Brown*
John F. Brown, Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Information Related to the Resource Specialist Certificate of
Competence

We have received a number of letters and telephone calls requesting the Commission to issue a clear Resource Specialist Certificate of Competence to individuals whose applications for a preliminary Resource Specialist Certificate of Competence are still being processed by the Commission. The question underlying this request is: since the credential document has not yet been issued and the applicant, under the Hughes Bill (AB 1124), now qualifies for the clear credential, will the Commission issue the clear credential on the same application and fee?

The answer to the above question is "No". The reasons for that response are as follows:

- (1) The Resource Specialist Certificate of Competence was required by the Commission as of September 1, 1981, for service as a resource specialist. The statutes (E.C. Section 56362 and 56362.5) stipulated an implementation date of September, 1980. However, this date was not enforced by the Commission because there were no college programs or district assessment systems approved and operational that would enable teachers to move from the preliminary Resource Specialist Certificate of Competence to the clear Resource Specialist Certificate of Competence. Therefore, the Commission informed county offices and school districts that individuals could serve as resource specialists without the Resource Specialist Certificate of Competence during the 1980-81 school year. All of this is to say that the Commission did grant individuals and districts a one-year "grace" period, from September, 1980 to September, 1981.
- (2) Since July 1, 1981, the Commission has issued approximately 3,800 preliminary Resource Specialist Certificates of Competence. All or almost all of these individuals will be eligible for the clear credential under provisions of the Hughes Bill (AB 1124). All of these individuals are required to hold the preliminary Resource Specialist Certificate of Competence from September 1, 1981 to receipt of the clear credential. The Commission could not issue these individuals a clear credential, as per AB 1124, until January 27, 1982, at the earliest. Therefore, were we to issue a clear Resource Specialist Certificate of Competence to any or all of the 3,800 holders of the preliminary credential, they would be in conflict with the law and with the Commission regulations for the period September 1, 1981 to January 27, 1982. In addition, the county issuing

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warrants to individuals serving as resource specialists without the appropriate credential or a waiver from the State Department of Education, would also be in conflict with the law and regulations.

Two forms for the verification of experience for the clear Resource Specialist Certificate of Competence are included on pages 3 and 4. The form (CL-645A) can be used for applicants who complete two years of service prior to September 1, 1981. The second form (CL-645B) can be used for applicants who complete two years of service prior to June 30, 1983.

Should you have questions related to the Resource Specialist Certificate of Competence, please call our information office, (916)445-7254.

State of California
Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing

VERIFICATION OF EXPERIENCE FOR THE CLEAR RESOURCE SPECIALIST
CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCE ON DIRECT APPLICATION (For Individuals
That Have Completed Two Years of Service Prior to Sept. 1, 1981)

TO THE COMMISSION FOR TEACHER PREPARATION AND LICENSING:

I hereby certify that the following named applicant

_____ / / _____
Print or Type Name of Applicant Social Security No. Date of Birth

has completed a minimum of two years full time experience prior to September 1, 1981 performing the following services:

- (1) Providing instruction and services for pupils whose needs were identified in a written individualized education program developed by a school appraisal team or an educational assessment service and who were assigned to regular classroom teachers for a majority of a school day.
- (2) Providing information and assistance to individuals with exceptional needs and their parents.
- (3) Providing consultation, resource information, and material regarding individuals with exceptional needs to their parents and to regular staff members.
- (4) Coordinating the special education services provided each individual with exceptional needs served through the resource specialist program.
- (5) Assessing pupil progress on a regular basis and revising individualized education programs as appropriate, and referring pupils who did not indicate appropriate progress to the educational assessment service.

Dates of this employment were:

from _____ / _____ / _____ to _____ / _____ / _____
Day Month Year Day Month Year

This experience took place in the

_____ / _____ / _____
Print or Type Name of School District, Special Education Service Region, or County Office

I further certify that I am the Administrative Officer of the district, county office, or special education service region in which the experience took place, authorized to verify this experience and that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

_____ / _____ / _____
Print or Type Name and Title of Signature Date
Authorized Administrative Official

If the indicated service was completed in more than one district or facility, verification from each should be submitted on a separate form.

State of California
Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing

VERIFICATION OF EXPERIENCE FOR THE CLEAR RESOURCE SPECIALIST
CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCE ON DIRECT APPLICATION (For Individuals
That Have Completed Two-years of Service Prior to June 30, 1983)

TO THE COMMISSION FOR TEACHER PREPARATION AND LICENSING:

I hereby certify that the following named applicant

_____ / ____ / _____
Print or Type Name of Applicant Social Security No. Date of Birth

has completed a minimum of two-years full time experience prior to June 30, 1983
performing the following services:

- (1) Provide instruction and services for pupils whose needs have been identified in an individualized education program developed by the individualized education program team and who are assigned to regular classroom teachers for a majority of a school day.
- (2) Provide information and assistance to individuals with exceptional needs and to their parents.
- (3) Provide consultation, resource information, and material regarding individuals with exceptional needs to their parents and to regular staff members.
- (4) Coordinate special education services with the regular school programs for each individual with exceptional needs enrolled in the resource specialist program.
- (5) Monitor pupil progress on a regular basis, participate in the review and revision of individualized education programs, as appropriate, and refer pupils who do not demonstrate appropriate progress to the individualized education program team.
- (6) Emphasize, at the secondary school level, academic achievement, career and vocational development, and preparation for adult life.

Dates of Employment were:

from _____ / _____ / _____ to _____ / _____ / _____
Day Month Year Day Month Year

This experience took place in the

Print or Type Name of School District, Special Education Service Region, or County Office

I further certify that I am the Administrative Officer of the district, county office, or special education service region in which the experience took place, authorized to verify this experience and that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

_____ _____ _____
Print or Type Name and Title of Signature Date
Authorized Administrative Official

Experience performed on or after Sept. 1, 1981 must have been on the basis of a preliminary resource specialist certificate issued by this agency or a waiver from the State Department of Education. If the service was performed on the basis of a waiver, the applicant must submit a copy of the waiver.

If the indicated service was completed in more than one district or facility, verification from each should be submitted on separate forms.

THIS FORM MAY BE DUPLICATED