

## COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING

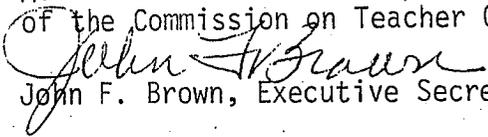
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TO: All Individuals and Groups Interested in the Activities  
of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing

FROM:   
John F. Brown, Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Change in Examination Requirements for Certain  
Applicants for Multiple Subjects Credential

At the November meeting, the Commission amended the examination requirements for those demonstrating their subject matter qualifications for the Multiple Subjects Credential by examination. Specifically, an applicant who has already taken the NTE Common Examination and has obtained passing scores on the Social Science, Literature and Fine Arts test and on the Science and Mathematics test is no longer required to take the new NTE General Knowledge Test of the Core Battery. The minimum passing score on each of the two tests is 62.

Prior to June 30, 1983, an applicant for a Multiple Subjects Credential was required to obtain passing scores on three sections of the NTE Common Examinations. Some number of such applicants may have passed the two tests named above, but failed the Written English Expression test. Prior to the amendment of the requirements, such applicants would have had to take the General Knowledge test in the NTE Core Battery. With the amendment, such applicants now need only to demonstrate writing proficiency by getting a passing score on the writing section of the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST).

Evidence of having passed the CBEST Writing section, accompanied by score reports showing passing scores on the two subject matter sections of the NTE Common Examinations will be sufficient to satisfy the examination requirements for the Multiple Subjects Credential. The Common Examination scores will be accepted for a period of five years from the date the passing scores were obtained.

Anyone who has not passed both the Social Science, Literature and Fine Arts and the Science and Mathematics tests of the NTE Common Examinations is still required to take the General Knowledge Test of the NTE Core Battery if the credential subject matter requirements are to be met by examination.

If you know any credential applicant who might be affected by this amendment, it would be helpful to them if you could advise them of this change so that they would not take an unnecessary NTE Examination in January 1984 or later.