

## COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING

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

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SUBJECT: New Law Requiring Passage of Commission-Approved  
Subject Matter Competency Examination(s) Prior to the  
Issuance of Certain Emergency Teaching Credentials

Senate Bill 868, authored by the Honorable Senator Marian Bergeson, has recently been signed into law by Governor George Deukmejian.

The purpose of this coded correspondence is to inform you of the provisions of this new law.

**BASIC PROVISIONS OF THE NEW LAW**

Commencing July 1, 1987, an applicant for the initial issuance of an emergency multiple or single subject teaching credential who does not also hold a valid California teaching credential that requires a baccalaureate degree, shall, in addition to all other emergency credential requirements, be required to pass the appropriate Commission-approved subject matter competency examination(s), in each subject to appear on the credential.

**EXCEPTIONS**

The Commission may issue an emergency multiple or single subject teaching credential to an applicant who has not taken the appropriate Commission-approved subject matter competency examination(s), provided the employing agency certifies ALL of the following to the Commission:

1. The applicant has not had an opportunity to take the examination(s).

2. The applicant will take the appropriate Commission-approved subject matter competency examination(s) at its(their) next regularly scheduled administration.
3. The employing agency will discontinue employment of the person eight weeks after the date on which the examination(s) is(are) administered if he or she does not give the employing agency evidence of having passed the required subject matter competency examination(s) on that date.

The emergency teaching credential issued under this exception shall expire on the next regular expiration date for emergency credentials, or on a date that is eight weeks after the date on which the required subject matter competency examination(s) was administered, whichever comes first.

### **CONDITIONS FOR THE WAIVER OF COMMISSION-APPROVED SUBJECT MATTER COMPETENCY EXAMINATION(S) FOR PURPOSES OF EMERGENCY CREDENTIALS**

The Commission shall waive, for the purpose of issuing the emergency teaching credential, the subject matter examination(s), required for each applicant for the following:

1. An emergency single subject teaching credential, if the applicant has completed at least 15 semester units of course work, or six semester units of upper division or graduate course work, at a regionally accredited institution of higher education, in each subject to appear on the credential.
2. An emergency multiple subject teaching credential, if the applicant has completed at least 10 semester units of course work at a regionally accredited institution of higher education in each of at least three of the following four areas:
  - a) English, including grammar, literature, composition, and speech.
  - b) Mathematics and the physical or life sciences.
  - c) Social sciences, other than education and education methodology.
  - d) Humanities and the fine arts, including foreign languages.

**EMERGENCY TEACHING CREDENTIALS TO WHICH THIS NEW LAW APPLIES:**

1. Emergency Multiple Subject Teaching Credential (Long Term Emergency - Multiple Subject)
2. Emergency Single Subject Teaching Credential (Long Term Emergency - Single Subject)

**THIS NEW LAW DOES NOT APPLY UNDER EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:**

1. The applicant has previously held an emergency teaching credential of the same type.
2. The applicant also holds a valid California teaching credential that requires a baccalaureate degree.

For your information, the complete text of this new law follows:

**Education Code Section 44254.5.** (a) Commencing July 1, 1987, any person who does not hold a valid California teaching credential that requires a baccalaureate degree shall be required to pass the appropriate subject matter competency examination or examinations, pursuant to Article 5 (commencing with Section 44280), before he or she may be initially issued an emergency multiple or single subject teaching credential, except a 30-day emergency substitute teaching credential, authorizing him or her to teach a subject that is specified in Section 44282.

(b) The commission may issue an emergency multiple or single subject teaching credential to an applicant who has not taken the appropriate subject matter competency test, provided the employing agency certifies all of the following to the commission:

(1) The applicant has not had an opportunity to take the test.

(2) The applicant will take the appropriate subject matter competency test at its next regularly scheduled administration.

(3) The employing agency will discontinue employment of the person eight weeks after the date on which the test is administered if he or she does not give the employing agency evidence of having passed the required subject matter competency test on that date.

(c) The emergency teaching credential issued pursuant to subdivision (b) shall expire on the next regular expiration date for emergency credentials, or on a date that is eight weeks after the date on which the required subject matter competency test was administered, whichever date comes first.

(d) The commission shall waive the requirements of this section for each applicant for each of the following:

(1) An emergency single subject teaching credential, if the applicant has completed at least 15 semester units of coursework, or six semester units of upper division or graduate coursework, at a regionally accredited institution of postsecondary education, in each subject to appear on the credential.

(2) An emergency multiple subject teaching credential, if the applicant has completed at least 10 semester units of coursework at a regionally accredited institution of postsecondary education in each of at least three of the four areas prescribed in Section 44314.

### LIST OF SUBJECTS, CORRESPONDING COMMISSION-APPROVED SUBJECT MATTER COMPETENCY EXAMINATIONS, AND PASSING SCORE STANDARDS

SUBJECT	EXAMINATION & NUMBER	PASSING SCORE
Single Subject:		
Agriculture	Agriculture (NTE 90)	75
Art	Art Education (NTE 13)	620
Business	Business Education (NTE 10)	630
English	English Language & Literature (NTE 04) Plus CLEP English Composition with Essay	620  570 (1986 scale) 680 (1978 scale)
Foreign Lang.: (specific)	French (NTE 17) German (NTE 18) Spanish (NTE 19) No examination available for other languages	680 630 650
Government	No examination available	
Health Science	No examination available	
History	No examination available	
Home Economics	Home Economics Education (NTE 12)	650
Industrial Arts	Industrial Arts Education (NTE 05)	640
Life Science	Biology and General Science (NTE 07)	680
Mathematics	Mathematics (NTE 06)	630
Music	Music Education (NTE 11)	620
Physical Educ.	Physical Education (NTE 09)	640
Physical Science	Chemistry, Physics & General Science (NTE 03)	630
Social Science	Social Studies (08)	630
Multiple Subject	General Knowledge Section of the Core Battery Examination (NTE) <b>OR</b> The Commons Examination (NTE) (All three sections required) Written English Expression Social Science Literature & Fine Arts	660   60 62 62

For information about the examinations, contact:

**National Teacher Examinations (NTE)**  
Educational Testing Service  
Box 911-R  
Princeton, New Jersey 08541  
Phone (606) 921-9000

**College Level Examination Program (CLEP)**  
The College Board  
2099 Gateway Place, Suite 480  
San Jose, CA 95110-1017  
Phone (408) 288-6800

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