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To: County Superintendents of Schools and Credential Analysts in
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From: 
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Executive Secretary

Subject: Policy Related to Teaching Driver Education for Holders
of Standard Secondary Credentials

The Licensing Branch of the Commission, on the basis of information obtained from the California Department of Education during the transition of licensing authority in 1970, has over time provided information to school districts indicating that the holder of a Standard Secondary Teaching Credential could be assigned by school districts to teach Driver Education and Training based on a valid California driver's license and the completion of nine semester units of subject matter in driver education. These teachers were not required to hold a credential which specifically authorized the teaching of driver education.

A review of this issue in 1991 found no legal basis to support the nine-semester unit authorization for the holder of the Standard Secondary Teaching Credential.

In order not to disenfranchise Standard Secondary Teaching Credential holders who have been serving as driver education and training instructors on the basis of information from the California Department of Education, the Commission approved the following policy at its January 1992 meeting:

The Commission authorizes the holders of the Standard Secondary Teaching Credential to teach driver education and driver training provided they have:

- a valid California driver's license,
- successfully completed a minimum of nine semester units in driver education, and
- taught driver education classes successfully for at least three years prior to September 1, 1991.

This is an employment option for those who meet the stated criteria and no additional credential is needed.

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