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

FROM: 
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SUBJECT: Using Coursework from Non-WASC Accredited Colleges and
Universities Operating in California for Emergency Permits

On April 7, 1995, the Commission approved a change in policy concerning coursework taken at California centers of regionally accredited colleges and universities that are headquartered in other states, but that are not accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

In the past the Commission has accepted bachelor's and higher degrees from these institutions as authorized by Education Code §44225 and other statutes. However, the Commission has been prohibited from using the coursework taken to earn the degree for credentialing purposes by the provisions of Education Code §44227(b). Commission staff is studying the effects of this section of the law on all credentials and programs, and will propose appropriate changes in the future. Until the law can be changed, the Commission has adopted the following policy concerning the use of coursework *for emergency permits only*:

An applicant who has completed coursework at the California campus of a college or university that is headquartered out-of-state, and is accredited by the regional accrediting agency for that state but not by WASC, may use that coursework toward the requirements for an Emergency Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Permit as follows:

- 18 semester hours in the subject to be listed on the Emergency Single Subject Teaching Permit, or
- 40 semester hours in general education for the Emergency Multiple Subject Teaching Permit.

The degree from a regionally accredited out-of-state institution operating in California continues to be acceptable. However, coursework taken at one of these institutions may NOT be used for any other purpose. It is NOT acceptable for

supplementary authorizations, the U.S. Constitution requirements, the health or computer education requirements, children's center permits, or any other purpose.

Individuals who earn the Emergency Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Permit based on coursework from a California center of an out-of-state regionally accredited institution will have to enroll in a Commission-approved program and complete all of the requirements for the professional clear credential.

The regional accrediting associations for higher education institutions that operate in the United States and its territories are:

- Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA)
- New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC-CIHE)
- North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA)
- Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges (NASC)
- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS-CC)
- Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)

Examples of institutions that are accredited in other regions that operate centers in California are:

- Antioch University (NCA), Yellow Springs, Ohio
- Southern Illinois University at Carbondale (NCA), Carbondale, Illinois
- Union Institute (NCA), Cincinnati, Ohio
- University of Phoenix (NCA), Phoenix, Arizona

If you have questions concerning this policy, please contact the Commission's Information Services Office at (916) 445-7256 between 12:30 and 4:30 any workday afternoon.