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TO: All Individuals and Groups Interested in the Activities
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SUBJECT: 1996-97 Examination Changes: Single Subject Teaching Credentials

In accordance with the Ryan Act of 1970, applicants for California teaching credentials must verify their subject matter competence by either (1) completing a program of subject matter study that has been approved by the Commission, or (2) passing a subject matter examination that has been adopted by the Commission. The Commission-approved subject matter examinations for Single Subject Teaching Credentials have undergone a series of changes over the past several years. The impetus for these changes was the 1988 study of the validity of the single subject area examinations being used in California. Based on the results of this study, the Commission adopted a long-range plan for the development of a series of updated single subject examinations. In this correspondence, we are providing a summary of the most recent series of newly adopted single subject examinations, and details about the upcoming changes to the single subject examinations for 1996-97.

- In February 1994, the Commission awarded a contract for the development of new multiple-choice examinations in eight Single Subject Teaching Credential areas to National Evaluation Systems, Inc. (NES). These new examinations in Biology, Chemistry, English, General Science, Geoscience, Mathematics, Physics, and Social Science are offered through the test series entitled the *Single Subject Assessments for Teaching (SSAT)*. Commencing in December 1995, these *SSAT* examinations replaced the *Praxis Series* multiple-choice exams in these subject areas. The required constructed-response examinations in these credential areas, with the exception of Geoscience, are still offered through *The Praxis Series* administered by Educational Testing Service (ETS).
- In December 1994, the Commission awarded a contract to NES for the second phase of single subject examination development. This development phase consists of seventeen additional *SSAT* examinations, and includes multiple-choice only exams, combined multiple-choice and constructed-response exams, the constructed-response component of the Geoscience exam, and examinations in six languages with both multiple-choice questions and written, spoken and aural performance assessments. The initial administration of the first set of multiple-choice only *SSAT* examinations in Physical Education, Spanish, French, Art, and Music was in December 1995.

In 1996-97 the remaining *Single Subject Assessments for Teaching (SSAT)* will be administered for the first time. These new *SSAT* examinations will become available on October 26, 1996, and include:

- (1) Combined multiple-choice and constructed-response examinations in **Agriculture, Business, Health Science, Home Economics, and Industrial and Technology Education**. With the exception of the Health Science exam, which will be available for the first time, these examinations replace the previously used *Praxis Series* exams in these subject areas.

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- (2) The constructed-response examination component in **Geoscience** will be added to the existing Geoscience multiple-choice exam in the *SSAT* test series.
- (3) Combined multiple-choice and performance assessments in **German, Japanese, Mandarin, Punjabi, Russian, and Vietnamese**. The performance assessment sections include written, spoken, and aural constructed-response assignments. Only the German exam replaces an existing *Praxis Series* examination. The remaining five language examinations are the first to be developed in these subject areas for use in California.

The following charts define the subject matter examination requirements for California Single Subject Teaching Credentials that will become effective on October 26, 1996, and the applicable 1996-97 test dates and test fees. If you have questions about the subject matter examination requirements, please call the Commission's office at 916-445-7256 (weekdays between 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.). You can also access CCTC examination information on the Internet at: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov>

**Subject Matter Examinations
for Single Subject Teaching Credentials
- Effective October 26, 1996 -**

CREDENTIAL SUBJECT AREA	EXAMINATION NAME & TEST CODE	TESTING PROGRAM
AGRICULTURE	• Agriculture (14)	SSAT*
ART	• Art (12) • Art: Content, Traditions, Criticism, & Aesthetics (20132) • Art Making (20131)	SSAT PRAXIS PRAXIS
BUSINESS	• Business (15)	SSAT*
ENGLISH	• Literature & English Language (01) • English Language, Literature & Composition: Essays (20042)	SSAT PRAXIS
HEALTH SCIENCE	• Health Science (16)	SSAT*
HOME ECONOMICS	• Home Economics (17)	SSAT*
INDUSTRIAL & TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION	• Industrial & Technology Education (18)	SSAT*
LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH:		
FRENCH	• French (11) • French: Productive Language Skills (20171) • French: Linguistic, Literary & Cultural Analysis (30172)	SSAT PRAXIS PRAXIS
GERMAN	• German (20)	SSAT*
JAPANESE	• Japanese (21)	SSAT*
MANDARIN	• Mandarin (19)	SSAT*
PUNJABI	• Punjabi (23)	SSAT*
RUSSIAN	• Russian (22)	SSAT*
SPANISH	• Spanish (10) • Spanish: Productive Language Skills (20192) • Spanish: Linguistic, Literary & Cultural Analysis (30193)	SSAT PRAXIS PRAXIS
VIETNAMESE	• Vietnamese (24)	SSAT*
LIFE SCIENCE	No Longer Available. See Science. Please contact the Commission if you have previously met one or more of the subject matter examination requirements for this credential.	
MATHEMATICS	• Mathematics (02) • Mathematics: Proofs, Models, & Problems, Part I (20063) • Mathematics: Proofs, Models, & Problems, Part II (30064)	SSAT PRAXIS PRAXIS
MUSIC	• Music (13) • Music: Analysis (20112) • Music: Concepts & Processes (30111)	SSAT PRAXIS PRAXIS

PRAXIS = examinations administered by Educational Testing Service (all constructed-response examinations)

SSAT = examinations administered by National Evaluation Systems, Inc.

NOTE: Examinations appearing in **bold** are new exams.

* SSAT examinations that contain both multiple-choice and constructed-response questions.

All other SSAT examinations include multiple-choice questions only.

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CREDENTIAL SUBJECT AREA	EXAMINATION NAME & TEST CODE	TESTING PROGRAM
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical Education (09) • P.E.: Movement Forms-Video Evaluation (20093) • P.E.: Movement Forms-Analysis and Design (30092) 	SSAT PRAXIS PRAXIS
PHYSICAL SCIENCE	No Longer Available. See Science. Please contact the Commission if you have previously met one or more of the subject matter examination requirements for this credential.	
SCIENCE:		
BIOLOGY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Science (04) • Biology (05) • Biology: Content Essays (30233) • General Science: Content Essays (30433) 	SSAT SSAT PRAXIS PRAXIS
CHEMISTRY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Science (04) • Chemistry (06) • Chemistry: Content Essays (30242) • General Science: Content Essays (30433) 	SSAT SSAT PRAXIS PRAXIS
GEOSCIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Science (04) • Geoscience (07) • General Science: Content Essays (30433) 	SSAT SSAT* PRAXIS
PHYSICS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Science (04) • Physics (08) • Physics: Content Essays (30262) • General Science: Content Essays (30433) 	SSAT SSAT PRAXIS PRAXIS
SOCIAL SCIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Science (03) • Social Studies: Analytical Essays (20082) • Social Studies: Interpretation of Materials (20083) 	SSAT PRAXIS PRAXIS

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1996/97 SINGLE SUBJECT TEST DATES:

Praxis II Subject Assessments (Praxis Series)

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Regular Registration*</u>	<u>Late Registration*</u>	<u>Score Report Mailing Date</u>
11/9/96	10/8/96	10/15/96	12/27/96
3/22/97	2/18/97	2/25/97	5/9/97
5/3/97	4/1/97	4/8/97	6/18/97
7/12/97	6/10/97	6/17/97	8/27/97

* Date registration forms must be received

Single Subject Assessments for Teaching (SSAT)

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Regular Registration*</u>	<u>Late Registration**</u>	<u>Score Report Mailing Date</u>
10/26/96	9/20/96	10/11/96	12/6/96
2/22/97	1/17/97	2/7/97	4/4/97
6/28/97	5/23/97	6/13/97	8/8/97

* Date registration forms must be postmarked

** Date registration forms must be received

Please Note: SSAT examinations in German, Japanese, Mandarin, Punjabi, Russian and Vietnamese will be offered on the October 1996 and June 1997 test dates only.

1996/97 SINGLE SUBJECT TEST FEES:

Registration Fees

Praxis Series (per test date).....	\$30
SSAT (per test date).....	\$45

Per Test Fees

Praxis Series:

One-hour Subject Matter Assessment.....	\$45
Two-hour Subject Matter Assessment.....	\$55

SSAT:

Multiple-Choice Only Test.....	\$55
Multiple-Choice and Written Constructed-Response Test.....	\$75
Multiple-Choice and Foreign Language Performance Assessment.....	\$100

Service Fees (collected by test administrator)

Praxis Series:

Late Registration.....	\$30
Test or Center Change.....	\$25
Standby Registration.....	\$55
File Correction.....	\$20
Rescoring of Multiple-Choice Test.....	\$30
Score Verification of Constructed-Response Test.....	\$50
Additional Score Reports.....	per report: \$20

SSAT:

Late Registration.....	\$15
Change of Registration.....	\$15
Emergency Registration.....	\$70
Additional Score Reports.....	per report: \$15
Rescoring (Multiple-Choice Test Sections Only).....	\$25
Preparation Guide.....	per guide: \$ 6