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

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Subject: Reduction in Fee for the Out-Of-State Teacher Recruitment Credential (AB 838)

At its April meeting, the Commission approved reducing the fee collected for the Out-of-State Teacher Recruitment credential established in 1997 by AB 838 (Pacheco) from $200 to $120 effective July 1, 1999. All applications submitted under the provision of this alternative route to the Commission after July 1, 1999, regardless of the credential issuance date, will require the $120 fee. This fee request does not affect the fingerprint fee which is an additional $56.

The Pacheco credential is a five-year preliminary Multiple Subject, Single Subject, or Education Specialist Credential issued to qualified applicants who hold equivalent credentials from out of state. At identified times during the five-year period, the teacher must verify completion of specified requirements or the document must be inactivated by the Commission. The applicant must have an offer of employment in a California public school district prior to the Commission issuing the credential. If all requirements are met at the end of five years the teacher may apply for a professional clear credential.

Education Code Sections 44205 and 44205.5 which govern the Pacheco credential require that the Commission inactivate the five-year preliminary credential when specific requirements are not met by established deadlines. First, the Commission must inactivate the document if the holder does not pass CBEST within the first year. In addition, the Commission must inactivate the document if other requirements are not completed by the end of the fourth year. The document maybe reactivated by completion of the requirements and notification to the Commission.

The Commission conducted a public hearing on Title 5 regulations pertaining to the Pacheco credential. Those regulations are still pending approval. For complete details on the Pacheco credential requirements please see Coded
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