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DATE: January 7, 2000
TO: All Individuals and Groups Interested in the Activities of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing
FROM: Sam W. Swofford, Ed.D.
Executive Director
SUBJECT: Proposed Addition of Title 5 Regulation, §80071.5 Pertaining to the RICA Requirement

Notice of Public Hearing is Hereby Given:

In accordance with Commission policy, proposed Title 5 Regulations are being distributed prior to the public hearing. A copy of the proposed regulations is attached. The added text is underlined. The public hearing is scheduled on:

March 2, 2000
1:30 p.m.
California Commission on Teacher Credentialing
1900 Capitol Avenue
Sacramento, California 95814

Statement of Reasons

The following is a detailed discussion of the proposed §80071.5 subsections. These specify the Multiple Subject and Education Specialist Instruction Credential applicants who are exempt from the RICA.

Introductory Paragraph: The introductory paragraph reiterates the RICA requirement dates found in statutes. The requirement is only needed for those individuals who apply for the Multiple Subject Teaching Credential on or after October 1, 1998, and the Education Specialist Instruction Credential on or after January 1, 2000.

§80071.5(a): This subsection refers to the RICA exemptions found in Education Code §44283.2(b). They are for individuals applying for the Early Childhood Special Education Certificate or the Early Childhood Special Education Credential.

§80071.5(b): The CBEST Education Code §44252(b)(3) allows the issuance of the one-year nonrenewable credential without verifying the RICA requirement. Education Code §44253 allows out-of-state individuals seeking a two-year preliminary Multiple Subject Teaching Credential or Education Specialist Instruction Credential to defer verifying the RICA requirement. The proposed §80071.5(b) reflects these exemptions. Additionally, it clarifies that to renew the two-year preliminary, the individual must pass RICA unless exempt by either of the two following subsections.

§80071.5(c): Education Code §44283.2 exempts individuals who are not “first time credential applicants” from the RICA requirement when applying for the Multiple Subject Teaching Credential. Education Code §44283.2 also allows the same exemption for Education Specialist Instruction Credential applicants. Subsection 80071.5(c) clarifies that the exemption refers to individuals who hold a valid California teaching credential based on a baccalaureate degree and a teacher education program including student teaching, such as the Single Subject or Standard Elementary Teaching Credentials. It also clarifies that individuals who received either a one-year nonrenewable or a two-year preliminary Multiple Subject Teaching Credential or Education Specialist Instruction Credential, based on §80071.5(b), are not exempt from the RICA requirement if they apply for the three-year extension while holding only those credentials.

§80071.5(d): This proposed subsection reflects the RICA exemption, found in Education Code §44283 and §44283.2, for individuals “credentialed in any other state” and seeking either the Multiple Subject Teaching Credential or the Education Specialist Instruction Credential. The wording clarifies that the out-of-state credential must be valid and comparable to the California credential sought.

Documents Relied Upon in Preparing Regulations

None.

Documents Incorporated by Reference

None.

Written Comment Period

Any interested person, or his or her authorized representative, may submit written comments on the proposed actions. The written comment period closes at 5:00 p.m. on March 1, 2000.

Any written comments received 14 days prior to the public hearing will be reproduced by the Commission's staff for each Commissioner as a courtesy to the person submitting the comments and will be included in the written agenda prepared for and presented to the full Commission at the hearing.

Submission of Written Comments

A response form is attached for your use when submitting written comments to the Commission. Please send it to the Commission, attention Executive Office, at 1900 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, California 95814, so it is received at least one day prior to the date of the public hearing.

Public Hearing

Oral comments on the proposed action will be taken at the public hearing. We would appreciate 14 days advance notice in order to schedule sufficient time on the agenda for all speakers. Please contact Yvonne Novelli at (916) 445-5865 regarding this.

Any person wishing to submit written comments at the public hearing may do so. It is requested, but not required, that persons submitting such comments provide fifty copies to be distributed to the Commissioners and interested members of the public. All written statements submitted at the hearing will, however, be given full consideration regardless of the number of copies submitted.

Modification of Proposed Actions

If the Commission proposes to modify the actions hereby proposed, the modifications (other than non-substantial or solely grammatical modifications) will be made available for public comment for at least 15 days before they are adopted.

Contact Person/Further Information

Inquiries concerning the proposed action may be directed to Yvonne Novelli, at (916) 445-5865. Upon request, a copy of the express terms of the proposed action and a copy of the initial statement of reasons will be made available. In addition, all the information on which this proposal is based is available for inspection and copying at the Commission.

Attachments

Division VIII of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations**Proposed Addition of §80071.5
Pertaining to the RICA Requirement****INITIAL PROPOSED REGULATIONS****§80071.5. Reading Instruction Competence Assessment**

Every applicant for an initial Multiple Subject Teaching Credential on or after October 1, 1998, or an initial Education Specialist Instruction Credential on or after January 1, 2000, shall be required to obtain a passing score on the Reading Instruction Competence Assessment (RICA) with the following exceptions.

- (a) Applicants applying for a document exempt by Education Code 44283.2(b).
- (b) Applicants applying for a one-year nonrenewable or a two-year preliminary teaching credential based on 1) a teacher education program including student teaching obtained outside of California and 2) a baccalaureate degree. These applicants must pass RICA prior to renewing the two-year preliminary unless exempt by §80071.5 (c) or (d).
- (c) Applicants holding a valid California teaching credential, other than the credentials described in (b), based on a baccalaureate degree and a teacher education program including student teaching.
- (d) Applicants holding a valid teaching credential from another state, with a comparable authorization to the credential sought.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 44225(q), Education Code. Reference: Sections 44252(b)(3), 44253, 44283 and 44283.2 Education Code.

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Title: **RICA Requirement**
Section Nos.: **80071.5**

Response to the Attached Title 5 Regulations

So that the Commission on Teacher Credentialing can more clearly estimate the general field response to the attached Title 5 regulations, please return this response form to the Commission, attention Executive Office, at the above address by 5:00 pm on March 1, 2000, in order that the material can be presented at the March 2, 2000 public hearing.

- 1. **Yes**, I agree with the proposed Title 5 regulations. Please count me in favor of these regulations.
- 2. **No**, I do not agree with the proposed Title 5 Regulations for the following reasons: (If additional space is needed, use the reverse side of this sheet.)
- 3. Personal opinion of the undersigned. and/or
- 4. Organizational opinion representing: _____
(Circle One) School District, County Schools, College, University, Professional Organization, Other
- 5. I shall be at the public hearing, place my name on the list for making a presentation to the Commission.
- 6. No, I will not make a presentation to the Commission at the public hearing.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____ Phone: _____

Employer/Organization: _____

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