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TO: All Individuals and Groups Interested in the Activities of the
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SUBJECT: Approved Amendments to Section 80071 of Title 5, California Code
of Regulations, Pertaining to Examination Score Validity

The Office of Administrative Law has approved the amendments to Title 5 Regulations §80071. These amendments clarify the wording in the regulation to better reflect the continuing practices regarding the validity period of examination scores. These practices are reviewed in the following list:

- Unless otherwise indicated in statute or regulation, an individual must qualify and apply within five years of the passing date of any examination required for the specific certification.
- For those examinations that have multiple passing score requirements, such as the Multiple Subjects Assessment for Teachers (MSAT), the five-year limit applies to *each* score, independently.
- The five-year limit applies to both the Reading Instruction Competence Assessment (RICA) Video Performance Assessment and the RICA Written Examination even though the video portion is not called "examination".
- The five-year limit does not apply to examination scores that have been previously used for certification.
- The five-year limit does not apply to the examination scores for the following:
 - 1) the Constitution of the United States;
 - 2) credit granted by an institution of higher education;
 - 3) the second language requirement for the Crosscultural, Language and Academic Development Certificate; or
 - 4) those exempt by statute or regulation such as the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST).

**Division VIII of Title 5
California Code of Regulations**

**Amendments to Title 5 Regulations §80071
Related to Examination Score Validity**

Article 3. Examinations and Subject Matter Programs

80071. Qualification by Examination for Issuance of Credential

- (a) Every applicant who seeks to satisfy a credential, certificate, permit, or waiver requirement by examination must meet the passing score requirements(s) established by the Commission that were in effect at the time the examination was taken. A list of the adopted examinations and passing scores requirements will be made available upon request to the Commission.
- (b) For each examination score used to satisfy a requirement for the issuance of a credential, certificate, permit, or waiver, there can be no more than five years between (1) the date the score was earned and (2) the issuance date of the credential, certificate, permit, or waiver for which the examination score is used.
- (c) For purposes of this section, the Video Performance Assessment of the Reading Instruction Competence Assessment, described in Education Code §44283, is considered an examination.
- (d) Once an examination score has been used to satisfy a California certification requirement, it may be used to satisfy a requirement of another certification document regardless of the five-year limit described in subsection (b) if the score satisfies the passing score requirement for the new document.
- (e) The five-year limit described in subsection (b) shall not apply to scores on examinations used to 1) verify knowledge of the Constitution of the United States, as specified in Education Code §44335; 2) grant credit by an institution of higher education; or 3) verify experience learning a second language required for the Crosscultural, Language and Academic Development Certificate, as specified in Section 80015 of the Title 5 Regulations. The five-year limit on scores described in subsection (b) shall not apply to any examination that is exempt from this requirement by statute or regulation.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 44225(q), Education Code. Reference: Sections 44225(d), 44252, 44253.3, 44280, 44283,44289, and 44335, Education Code.