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

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SUBJECT: Addition of Title 5 Regulation, §80071.5, California Code of Regulations, Pertaining to the RICA Requirement

Title 5 §80071.5 became effective on July 21, 2000. It specifies the Multiple Subject and Education Specialist Instruction Credential applicants who are exempt from the Reading Instruction Competence Assessment (RICA) requirement. A copy of the approved regulation is attached. The following is a brief overview of §80071.5:

- The RICA requirement became effective on October 1, 1998 for the Multiple Subject Teaching Credential and on January 1, 2000 for the Education Specialist Instruction Credential.
- Individuals applying for the Early Childhood Special Education Certificate or the Early Childhood Special Education Credential are exempt from the RICA requirement.
- Individuals holding a valid out-of-state credential comparable to the California Multiple Subject Teaching Credential or the Education Specialist Instruction Credential sought are exempt from the RICA requirement. If they do not hold this, out-of-state trained individuals may apply for the one-year nonrenewable or two-year preliminary Multiple Subject Teaching Credential or Education Specialist Instruction Credential without verifying the RICA requirement. To renew beyond the two-year preliminary, individuals must pass RICA unless exempt elsewhere in the regulation.
- Individuals who hold a valid California teaching credential based on a baccalaureate degree and a teacher education program including student teaching are exempt from the RICA requirement. This does not apply to out-of-state trained individuals who apply for the three-year extension (or if they meet all requirements early, the professional clear) Multiple Subject Teaching Credential or Education Specialist Instruction Credential while holding only the comparable one-year nonrenewable or two-year preliminary credential.

Questions

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Division VIII of Title 5 California Code of Regulations

Addition of Section 80071.5 Pertaining to the RICA Requirement

FINAL REGULATION

§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 the RICA prior to renewing the two-year preliminary unless exempt by §80071.5 (c) or (d).
- (c) Applicants holding a valid California teaching credential based on a baccalaureate degree and a teacher education program including student teaching, other than those applicants renewing the credentials described in (b) to either the three-year preliminary credential or, if the three-year preliminary credential is not requested, the professional clear credential.
- (d) Applicants holding a valid teaching credential from another state, with a comparable authorization to the credential sought.
- (e) Applicants applying for an internship credential based on Education Code §44452. These applicants must pass the RICA prior to obtaining a preliminary or professional clear credential of the same type, unless exempt by §80071.5 (c) or (d).

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 44225(q), Education Code. Reference: Sections 44252(b)(3), 44253, 44283, 44283.2, and 44452 Education Code.