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

FROM:

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SUBJECT: Continued Administration of Approved SLLA, Test Number 1010

Summary

Only the Commission-approved test number 1010 version of the School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA) satisfies the examination option for the preliminary Administrative Services Credential. Beginning September 2009, Educational Testing Services (ETS) will offer a revised SLLA, test number 1011. *California will not accept the revised SLLA 1011 towards certification.* ETS has agreed to administer the Commission-approved SLLA 1010 in California until the Commission completes the development of the new administrative services examination.

Key Provisions:

California will not accept the revised SLLA 1011 towards certification. The revised 1011 version of the SLLA does not address California-specific content and, therefore, will not be acceptable for credentialing purposes.

ETS will continue offering special administrations of the SLLA 1010 until the Commission's new examination is developed. The first special administration of the SLLA 1010 is on October 17, 2009. To view the SLLA 1010 registration deadlines, special registration application process, test centers, test preparation material, and further test administration dates, go to the ETS School Leadership Series website, www.ets.org/sls, click on the "state requirements" link on the left-hand side, and then click on "California."

The minimum passing score for the SLLA 1010 remains 173. The 1010 version continues to be a six-hour test with 25 constructed-response items. As with other ETS examinations, a paper version of the official score report is no longer sent to the examinee. The examinee may print an official score report from the ETS Website.

Examinees must use their passing SLLA 1010 scores towards certification within five years of the test date or the scores will become invalid for that purpose.

Important Dates:

October 17, 2009 First special administration of the SLLA 1010

Spring 2011 Anticipated initial administration of the California Preliminary Administrative Credential Examination (CPACE)

Background:

SB 1655 (Chap. 225, Stats. 2002), which added Education Code §44270.5, gives the Commission the option to provide an examination alternative to the preliminary Administrative Services professional preparation program. Beginning January 2003, credential candidates could satisfy the examination option by passing the SLLA 1010 offered by ETS.

The SLLA is aligned with the Interstate School Leaders Licensure Consortium (ISLLC) Standards and used by numerous states to satisfy the exit examination requirement for their school administration programs. However, since California is using the examination in lieu of the entire preliminary Administrative Services professional preparation program, including field work, the Commission determined that California-specific areas are not covered sufficiently. At the October 2008 meeting, the Commission approved the development of a California examination and, during the interim, the continued use of the SLLA 1010. ETS agreed to continue offering the 1010 version until the new California examination, the California Preliminary Administrative Credential Examination (CPACE), is available. It is anticipated that the initial administration of the CPACE will be spring 2011.

References:

School Leadership Series Website: www.ets.org/sls

California Administrative Services Credential information from the Commission:

<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/CREDS/admin-svcs.html>

Options for Administrative Services Credential Examinations:

<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/commission/agendas/2008-10/2008-10-2B.pdf>

Contact Information:

Questions concerning the continued use of the Commission-approved SLLA 1010:

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Questions concerning requirements and application process for the Administrative Services Credential based on the SLLA examination: Commission's Information Services Unit by telephone at 1-888-921-2682, Monday through Friday from noon to 4:45 p.m. or by email at credentials@ctc.ca.gov.