



CODED CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: January 4, 2010	NUMBER: 10-02
TO: All Individuals and Groups Interested in the Activities of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing	FROM: Dale A. Janssen Executive Director Commission on Teacher Credentialing
SUBJECT: Expansion of Education Specialist District Intern Programs	

Summary:

Assembly Bill (AB) 239 (Chap.316, Stats. 2009) was signed by the Governor on October 11, 2009. The bill has two provisions both effective January 1, 2010. One of the provisions is the expansion of special education district intern programs. The second provision of AB 239 regarding National Board Certification will be discussed in a separate Coded Correspondence.

Key Provisions:

As originally developed, Education Specialist District Intern Credentials were issued only in the specialty area of mild/moderate disabilities. For the last five years, a pilot program allowed a limited number of District Intern Programs to prepare individuals in all special education specialty areas provided the programs were approved by the Commission. The provisions of AB 239 remove the limitation and allow all District Intern Programs to seek approval from the Commission to offer district intern programs in all special education specialty areas.

Important Dates:

January 1, 2010 – Implementation date for provisions of AB 239

Background:

The District Intern Program was created by the passage of the Hughes-Hart Education Reform Act of 1983 (Chap. 498, Stats. 1983) and is administered by the Commission. The original program allowed districts and county offices to offer teacher preparation programs for single subject candidates. Statute has been amended several times to include multiple subject and special education candidates.

Source:

Education Code §§44325, 44326, 44328, and 44830.3

References:

District Intern Information Leaflet: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl707b.pdf>

Contact Information:

Questions concerning the requirements for the internship credential:

Commission's Information Services Unit by telephone at 1-888-921-2682, Monday through Friday between 12:00 pm to 4:45 pm, or by email at credentials@ctc.ca.gov.

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