



CODED CORRESPONDENCE

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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: Document Grandfathering Clause	

Summary:

Assembly Bill (AB) 1374 (Chap. 36, Stats. 2010) was signed by the Governor on July 6, 2010 and becomes effective on January 1, 2011. This coded correspondence explains the implementation of AB 1374 pertaining to the document “grandfathering” clause.

AB 1374 includes language pertaining to adult education teaching credentials that will be addressed in a separate coded correspondence.

Key Provisions:

Section 44251.2 was added to the Education Code to clarify that credentials, permits and certificates issued by the Commission will remain in force in accordance with the laws and regulations under which they were issued. In addition, documents issued by the Commission are exempt from requirements of new laws and regulations unless there is specific language in statute to the contrary.

The provision included in §44251.2 does not entitle individuals to new authorizations that may be included on the same type of document issued under different regulations or statute. For example, an individual holding a Level II Education Specialist Instruction Credential without an English learner authorization or Autism Spectrum Disorders authorization will not be issued a new document that includes these authorizations under new regulations without completing additional requirements for any new authorization sought.

The new Education Code section simply allows an individual to continue serving in California’s public schools on the basis of a document issued under previous regulations or statute without having to meet new requirements as long as the holder satisfies his/her renewal requirements.

Important Dates:

This provision of AB 1374 takes effect on January 1, 2011.

Background:

Historically, the Commission does not require current credential holders to meet new requirements that may be established for their type of documents. New requirements are usually applied to prospective candidates who enter a preparation program or obtain a document after the effective date of the statute changes. By specifying that existing credential holders are exempt from the new requirements, this bill codifies the Commission's practice and "grandfathers" in current credential holders who earned their documents under existing or previous rules.

Source:

Education Code §44251.2

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