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To: All Individuals and Groups Interested in the Activities of the California  
Commission On Teacher Credentialing

From: Sam W. Swofford, Ed.D., Executive Director

Subject: Proposed Additions of Title 5 Sections 80473 and 80473.1, Pertaining to  
Allowance of a Grace Period for Credential Candidates to Complete  
Requirements

**Notice of Public Hearing is Hereby Given:**

In accordance with Commission policy, proposed Title 5 Regulations are being distributed prior to the public hearing. A copy of the proposed regulations is attached. The added text is underlined. The public hearing is scheduled on:

February 06, 2003  
10:00 am.  
California Commission On Teacher Credentialing  
1900 Capitol Avenue  
Sacramento, California 95814

**Written Comment Period**

Any interested person, or his or her authorized representative, may submit written comments by fax, through the mail, or e-mail on the proposed action. The written comment period closes at 5:00 p.m. on February 5, 2003. Comments must be received by that time or may be submitted at the public hearing. You may fax your response to (916) 322-0048; write to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, attn Raquel Rodriguez, 1900 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, California 95814-4213; submit an email at [rgarcia@ctc.ca.gov](mailto:rgarcia@ctc.ca.gov).

Any written comments received 14 days prior to the public hearing will be reproduced by the Commission's staff for each Commissioner as a courtesy to the person submitting the comments and will be included in the written agenda prepared for and presented to the full commission meeting.

## **Authority and Reference**

Education Code Section 44225 authorizes the Commission to adopt the proposed action, which will implement, interpret or make specific Section 44252.1 of the Education Code and govern the procedures of the Commission.

## **Informative Digest/Policy Statement Overview**

### Summary of Existing Laws and Regulations

Education Code Section 44225 provides that the Commission may promulgate rules and regulations. Section 44252.1 adds a grace period for completing requirements.

This proposed addition to the California Code of Regulations, Title 5, will establish a grace period, as defined by Assembly Bill 1307, when no new requirements will be added to credential candidates enrolled in commission–accredited multiple and single subject credential programs. The proposed regulation additions also provide for credential candidates to take modified credential preparation course work if completing the modified course work does not result in a barrier to completion of the preparation.

**Documents Incorporated by Reference:** None

**Documents Relied Upon in Preparing Regulations:** None

### **Disclosures Regarding the Proposed Actions.**

The Commission has made the following initial determinations:

*Mandate costs to local agencies or school districts:* None

*Other non-discretionary costs or savings imposed upon local agencies:* None

*Cost or savings to any state agency:* None

*Cost or savings in federal funding to the state:* None

*Significant effect on housing costs:* None

*Significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states:* None

These proposed regulations will not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts that must be reimbursed in accordance with Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of the Government Code.

*Cost impacts on a representative private persons or business:* The Commission is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

*Assessment regarding the creation or elimination of jobs in California [Govt. Code §11346.3(b)]:* The Commission has made an assessment that the proposed amendments to the regulation would not (1) create nor eliminate jobs within California, (2) create new business or eliminate existing business, or (3) affect the expansion of businesses currently doing business within California.

*Effect on small businesses:* The Commission has determined that the proposed amendment to the regulations does not effect small businesses. The regulations are not mandatory but an option that effects school districts and county offices of education.

### **Consideration of Alternative**

The Commission must determine that no reasonable alternative it considered or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the Commission would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons or small business than the proposed action. Interested individuals may present statements or arguments with respect to alternatives to the proposed regulations at the scheduled hearing or during the written comment period.

### **Contact Person/Further Information**

General or substantive inquires concerning the proposed action may be directed to Raquel Rodriguez by telephone at (916) 323-7093 or Raquel Rodriguez, California Commission On Teacher Credentialing, 1900 Capital Ave., Sacramento, CA 95814. General question inquiries may also be directed to Debra Moss at (916) 322-4974 or at the address mentioned in the previous sentence. Upon request, a copy of the express terms of the proposed action and a copy of the initial statement of reasons will be made available. This information is also available on the Commission's web site at [www.ctc.ca.gov](http://www.ctc.ca.gov). In addition, all the information on which this proposal is based is available for inspection and copying.

### **Availability of Statement of Reasons and Text of Proposed Regulations**

The entire rulemaking file is available for inspection and copying throughout the rulemaking process at the Commission at the above address. As of the date this notice is published in the Notice of Register, the rulemaking file consists of this notice, the proposed text of regulations, and the initial statement of reasons.

### **Modification of Proposed Action**

If the Commission proposes to modify the actions hereby proposed, the modifications (other than non-substantial or solely grammatical modifications) will be made available for public comment for at least 15 days before they are adopted.

## Availability of Documents on the Internet

Copies of the Notice of Proposed Action, the Initial Statement of Reasons and the text of the regulations in underline and strikethrough can be accessed through the Commission's web site [www.ctc.ca.gov](http://www.ctc.ca.gov).

## Proposed Additions To Title 5 Sections 80473 and 80473.1. Pertaining to Allowance of a Grace Period for Credential Candidates to Complete Requirements

### §80473. Allowance of Grace Period to Complete Requirements: Definitions & Terms

(a) For the purpose of this section, a commission-accredited multiple and single subject credential program includes, internship program as defined in Education Code Article 7.5 Sections 44325-44328, professional preparation program as defined in Education Code Article 3 Sections 44450-44468, a professional preparation program as defined in Education Code Article 7 Sections 44320-44324 and integrated program of professional preparation as defined in Education Code Section 44259.

(b) "Enrolled" refers to an individual who, on or after January 1, 2002, continuously participates in and is working toward completing the requirements for a program that meets the minimum requirements for a California preliminary multiple or single subject teaching credential.

(c) "Continuously Enrolled" refers to an individual who has begun a teacher preparation program and does not have a break in that program that exceeds a period of 18 months.

(d) "New or Amended Requirements" refers to requirements added by statutes, regulations and commission standards.

### §80473.1 Allowance of Grace Period to Complete Requirements

(a) A credential candidate enrolled in a commission-accredited preparation program shall have not less than twenty-four months after enrollment to complete the program, during which time new or amended requirements shall not apply to that candidate.

(b) A credential candidate may extend up to twelve months in addition to the time specified pursuant to subsection (a) to complete a credential program without additional requirements, if the candidate can demonstrate extenuating circumstances, including but limited to personal or family illness, bereavement or financial hardship and develops a plan to complete the credential program in consultation with the program provider.

(c) Candidates completing integrated programs of professional preparation:

(1) A candidate continuously enrolled in an integrated program of professional preparation on or after January 1, 2002 shall not be held to any new requirements, as long as they do not change the type of credential or program they are pursuing.

(2) A candidate continuously enrolled in an integrated program of professional preparation and has completed all requirements necessary to begin student teaching is eligible to receive an extension of twelve months when necessary to complete the outstanding requirements that were in place when the candidate enrolled in the program. Further, the candidate shall not be held responsible for any new requirements added once student teaching has begun.

(3) This subsection will sunset on January 1, 2006.

(d) Modifications to credentialing examinations made as a result of a validity study or a standard study shall not be considered a new requirement.

(e) If required coursework not yet taken by the candidate is modified, the candidate shall the modified coursework, unless it is not readily available, would result in an increased cost to the candidate or would delay the completion of the program.

(f) Once a candidate has received a preliminary teaching credential pursuant to Education Code Section 44259 and is employed as the teacher of record in a California public school, he or she will not be held to any new requirements for completing the induction phase, which is required to obtain the professional clear pursuant to Education Code Section 44279.4.

(g) The Commission shall maintain a list of candidates who are allowed an extended time period under this section. This list shall include the projected date of program completion for each candidate.