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

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SUBJECT: Implementation of Assembly Bill 2210

Governor Schwarzenegger signed Assembly Bill 2210 (Statutes of 2004, Chapter 343, Liu) on August 30, 2004. The bill specifies that completion of a Commission-approved induction program is the required route to earn an SB 2042 professional clear multiple subject or single subject teaching credential. The bill also specifies that if an induction program is unavailable to the preliminary credential holder, the candidate will be allowed to complete a Commission-approved fifth year program. It also allows a candidate to complete a Commission-approved fifth year program if the candidate is required to complete subject matter course work to meet No Child Left Behind (NCLB) "highly qualified teacher" requirements.

AB 2210 contained an urgency clause; therefore it became law immediately upon being chaptered. The bill requires the Commission to adopt regulations to clarify that the Commission-approved induction program is required for the SB 2042 professional clear credential. The Commission is in the process of drafting Title 5 regulations to comply with the legislation, however until the regulatory process can be completed, it is important that the Commission stakeholders and SB 2042 credential holders be aware that SB 2042 preliminary credentials issued on or after August 30, 2004 will state that induction is required to earn the SB 2042 professional clear credential, except in those limited circumstances noted above. Only an employing agency will determine those circumstances that allow a credential holder to complete a Commission-approved fifth year program.

Holders of SB 2042 preliminary credentials issued after August 30, 2004 will not be able to enroll in a Commission-approved fifth year without verification from the credential

holder's employer that induction is not available or the person needs to meet NCLB coursework requirements.

The Commission will further discuss the proposed Title 5 regulations pertaining to the implementation of AB 2210 at its November/December Commission meeting. There will be further Coded Correspondence to keep stakeholders and credential holders informed as the regulation process proceeds.