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

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Subject: Senate Bill 1209 Changes in Professional Growth Requirements for Credential
Renewal

Senate Bill 1209 (Chapter 517, Statutes of 2006) was signed by the Governor on September 28, 2006. One of the provisions in the bill shifts the professional growth requirements from a state requirement for credential renewal to local employing agencies.

Beginning January 1, 2007, verification of professional growth requirements will no longer be a requirement for the renewal of professional clear credentials. This includes both the 150 clock hours of activities and the experience requirement. This change affects all teaching and service credentials, including the designated subjects teaching credentials, except Child Development Permits.

Because child development permits were not included in the provisions of the bill, professional growth requirements for renewal of child development permits will continue to be required to be submitted as part of the renewal process. Information about child development professional growth requirements may be found at the following link on the Commission's website: http://www.etc.ca.gov/credentials/manuals-handbooks/PG_Manual_ChildDev.pdf.

Currently, requirements for all professional clear credentials require that the documents have the same expiration dates. For example, if an individual held a professional clear multiple subject teaching credential and a pupil personnel services credential, the documents had the same expiration date. This will no longer be necessary after January 1, 2007. However, if a credential serves as a prerequisite for another credential, such as a single subject credential for an administrative services credential, the documents will continue to be 'tied' together with the same expiration dates. The Commission will be returning to the term 'clear' on credentials issued after January 1, 2007.

As a result of the changes outlined above, the Commission will no longer issue the two-year extension for individuals who did not complete their professional growth requirements.

Online Renewal Process

By January 1, 2007, the Commission's online renewal process will be changed to remove the need to verify professional growth requirements for all types of credentials except the child development permits (Teacher, Master Teacher, Site Supervisor, and Program Director).

Questions

For further questions about professional growth, contact the Commission's Information Services Unit at 1-888-921-2682, Monday through Friday between 1:00 PM to 4:45 PM or by email at credentials@ctc.ca.gov.