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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: Earning an Authorization Based on an Out-of-State English Learner Authorization	

Summary:

Senate Bill 1209 (Chap. 517, Stats. 2006) was signed by the Governor on September 28, 2006. The bill allows teachers who hold an out-of-state credential that authorizes instruction of English learners to earn a California English learner (EL) authorization.

Key Provisions:

An individual with an out-of-state document authorizing English learner services has two options to earn a California EL authorization. The EL authorization earned in another state must be a full authorization; it cannot be an emergency authorization. Examples of English learner authorizations include Structured English Immersion (SEI), Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), English as a Second Language (ESL), English Language Development (ELD), and bilingual authorizations that include an English language development authorization.

It will be the applicant's responsibility to submit evidence that their out-of-state document authorizes EL services. This evidence includes a photocopy of both sides, as applicable, of the out-of-state document and, as necessary, information on the EL authorization. An appropriate prerequisite credential continues to be a requirement as well as the second-language requirement. However, if the individual does not hold a California credential that requires a bachelor's degree, verification of the second-language requirement will also need to be met. The second-language requirement verifies that the individual has experience learning a second language. There are many methods to satisfy this requirement including course work, examination, and residence in another country. See the Reference section for a link to the leaflet with all the methods.

Option 1

Adding an English Learner Authorization to a Multiple Subject, Single Subject or Education Specialist Credential

If an individual is applying for a Multiple Subject, Single Subject, or Education Specialist Teaching Credential and evidence of the out-of-state English learner authorization is submitted with that application packet, there is no need to apply for a CLAD Certificate; the English learner authorization will be listed on the teaching credential. There is no need to submit a separate application and fee if applying via this method.

Holders of valid preliminary, clear, or professional clear multiple subject, single subject, or education specialist credentials may apply to add an EL authorization to their valid credential at the time of renewal or during the valid period of the document. An application, fee, and verification of the out-of-state EL authorization are required. For holders of a preliminary credential, the new document will maintain the original expiration date of the valid document but will have a new issuance date. For holders of clear and professional clear (which will be changed to clear credentials), the document will have a new five-year time period.

This option to add an EL authorization to a credential is not available to holders of life credentials; the separate CLAD Certificate will need to be issued.

Option 2

Crosscultural Language and Academic Development (CLAD) Certificate

If an individual is applying for a separate document for the EL authorization, an application, fee, and verification of the out-of-state EL authorization will need to be submitted to allow the Commission to issue a CLAD Certificate.

Important Dates:

Senate Bill 1209 became effective January 1, 2007.

Provisions related to this correspondence became effective for documents with an issuance date on or after January 1, 2007.

Source:

Education Code section 44253.3(e)

References:

CLAD information leaflet: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl628c.html>

Contact Information:

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