

## COMMISSION FOR TEACHER PREPARATION AND LICENSING

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TO: All Individuals and Groups Interested in  
the Activities of the Commission for  
Teacher Preparation and Licensing

FROM: Peter L. LoPresti, Executive Secretary *PL*

SUBJECT: Title 5 Regulations - Terms of Issuance  
and Renewal of Ryan Act Credentials.

The Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing has approved and adopted the attached regulations in Title 5 of the California Administrative Code relating to the Terms of Issuance and Renewal of Ryan Act Credentials.

These regulations have been approved by the State Board of Education.

Notice is hereby given that Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing, pursuant to the authority vested by Section 13114(b) of the Education Code, and to implement, interpret, or make specific Sections 13125.2, 13176, and 13177 of the Education Code, has adopted, amended, and filed regulations in Title 5 of California Administrative Code as follows:

(1) Amended Section 5920(a) to read as follows:

Section 5920. Emergency Credentials. (a) An emergency credential shall be issued for not more than one year and shall terminate at the end of the school year in which it is issued.

(2) Adopted new Section 5921 to read as follows:

Section 5921. Terms of Issuance and Renewal of Teaching and Services Credentials. Unless otherwise provided by law and regulations, all credentials shall be issued for a period of five years.

(a) All preliminary teaching and services credentials shall be issued for a period of not more than five years.

(b) A teaching or services credential, one of whose requirements is another teaching or services credential, shall not be issued or renewed beyond the expiration date of the other, previously obtained credential.

(3) Adopted new Section 5924 to read as follows:

Section 5924. Eminence Credential. "Eminence" shall be interpreted to mean:

(a) the possession of knowledge and skill in an area which the school district wishes to offer in any of its schools.

(b) distinguished superiority as compared with others in attainments, and

(c) superior knowledge and skill, which shall be determined in comparison with the generally accepted standards and achievement in the profession in which the credential is sought.

(4) Adopted new Section 5924.1 to read as follows:

Section 5924.1. Statement of Need and Verification of Qualifications. Pursuant to Section 13133 of the Education Code, issuance of an eminence credential shall be based upon a statement of need and a verification of qualifications.

(a) The statement of need in the district shall include the proposed specific assignment of the credential applicant and a certification of the intention of the district to employ the applicant if he is granted an eminence credential.

(b) The verification of qualifications of an applicant for an eminence credential shall include:

(1) recommendations, which may be from the following:

- professional associations
- former employers
- any other individuals or groups whose evaluations would support eminence; and

(2) documentation of achievement, which may include, but not be limited to, the following:

- employment, where pertinent
- transcripts of related study
- publications
- professional performance
- recognition of outstanding knowledge and skill and professional achievement

(c) The Commission shall, in its distributions of its monthly agenda, provide notice to the public of those individuals for whom it is considering issuing eminence credentials. Any association, group or individual may provide the Commission with a written statement regarding the qualifications of the individual under consideration by the Commission for an eminence credential.

(5) Adopted new Section 5924.2 to read as follows:

Section 5924.2. Scope of Eminence. A person may obtain an eminence credential if the subject or service in which his work is determined to exhibit eminence is one which a school board wishes to have taught or practiced in its district.

(6) Adopted new Section 5924.3 to read as follows:

Section 5924.3. Reissuance of Eminence Credential. In determining whether or not it shall reissue an eminence credential, the Commission shall receive

a written statement from the superintendent of the school district which shall include:

- (a) a statement that the school district will rehire the applicant if his credential is reissued;
- (b) a statement that the governing board of the school district has determined that the eminence applicant will best serve the children of the district; and
- (c) the eminence applicant's probation evaluation report compiled in the usual manner in which the district obtains reports of its probationary employees' performance.

The request from the school district for a reissuance of an eminence credential shall also contain the specific job description of the assignment that the eminence credential holder will fill.

(7) Adopted new Section 5924.4 to read as follows:

Section 5924.4. Term of Issuance and Reissuance. An eminence credential shall be issued for a one-year period and may be reissued for one-year periods upon the request of the governing board of the school district.

(8) Adopted new Section 5930 to read as follows:

Section 5930. Internship Credential. An internship credential shall be issued initially for two years and may be renewed for one year upon a showing that extenuating circumstances have prevented its completion within a two-year period. Such circumstances shall include, but not be limited to, illness, military service and other factors not within control of the applicant.

(9) Adopted new Section 5931 to read as follows:

Section 5931. Methods for Obtaining a Credential; Completion of Approved Program or its Equivalent; Reciprocity. In addition to any other requirements specified for obtaining any credential, an applicant for a credential shall fulfill one of the following requirements:

- (a) A California college or university offering a Commission-approved program of teacher preparation as a requirement for the credential shall certify that the applicant has completed its approved program and shall recommend the applicant for the appropriate credential; or

(b) A California college or university shall certify that an applicant whose professional preparation is in a state other than California and with which California does not have a reciprocity agreement signed pursuant to Section 13191 of the Education Code, has completed the equivalent of its Commission approved program; the California college or university shall then recommend the applicant for the appropriate credential; or

(b) A college or university in a state other than California shall certify that the applicant has completed a program of preparation approved by the state educational certification agency in the state in which it is located. Such approved program of preparation shall be acceptable only if completed in a regionally accredited institution. The applicant shall receive an initial regular credential and must complete other California requirements not included in the out-of-state approved program to obtain a clear credential; or

(c) An applicant whose professional preparation for a teaching credential is in a state other than California and with which California has a reciprocity agreement signed pursuant to Section 13191 of the Education Code, shall receive a preliminary multiple subject or single subject instruction an initial regular credential and shall be required only to complete the fifth year of study as described in Section 5932 below and the unit requirement in health education specified in Section 13132.5 of the Education Code.

(10) Adopted new Section 5931.1 to read as follows:

Section 5931.1. Direct Application; When Permitted. If a college or university dealing with an applicant pursuant to (a), (b), or (c) of Section 5931 refuses to certify that the applicant has completed its Commission approved program or its equivalent, or refuses to recommend the applicant for the appropriate credential, it shall state its reasons for such refusal in writing to the applicant. The applicant shall thereafter have the right to apply for a credential directly to the Commission. He shall submit to the Commission his application and other supporting documents, including a copy of the college or university's written reasons for refusal. The Commission shall evaluate the materials submitted, consider the reasons for such refusal and determine whether to issue the credential sought.

(11) Adopted new Section 5932 to read as follows:

Section 5932. Fifth Year of Study. The Commission finds that the fifth year of study is an integral element of the teacher education program, and provides the potential teacher with much greater opportunity following completion of the relatively rigid course requirements of the baccalaureate degree program to select a course or program of study designed to improve the teacher's particular professional interests. In recognition of these facts, the Commission expects that the design of the fifth year course of study will be a large responsibility of the teacher-candidate in cooperation and consultation with the accredited college or university.

The teacher candidate may select either a student-designed fifth year of study approved by the institution or an institution-designed fifth year

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of study. The fifth year of study selected by the teacher-candidate shall be a Commission-approved program, and shall be a full academic year, or its equivalent, at the postgraduate level taken at an accredited college or university.

In furtherance of the foregoing concepts, the Commission shall permit a wide latitude for fifth year programs, including, but not limited to, the following purposes:

- (a) Additional subject matter preparation including, but not limited to, pursuit of a master's or higher degree.
- (b) Completion of an approved program for an advance or specialized credential.
- (c) Study undertaken for in-service training for which college or university credit is given.
- (d) Study undertaken to complete an approved program of professional preparation.

(12) Adopted new Section 5932.1 to read as follows:

Section 5932.1. Appeal from Institutional Failure to Approve. If a college or university refuses to approve a fifth year of study for a teacher-applicant, it shall state its reasons in writing to the applicant. The applicant shall thereafter have the right to appeal the decision of the institution directly to the Commission. In doing so, the applicant shall submit to the Commission a copy of his program for the fifth year of study and other supporting documents, including a copy of the college or university's written reasons for refusal. The Commission shall evaluate the materials submitted and determine whether to approve the fifth year of study.

(13) Renumbered Sections 5921 through 5921.5 of Title 5, Division 7 of the California Administrative Code as Sections 5923 through 5923.5, respectively.