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

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SUBJECT: Title 5 Regulations, Section 5920.7, Emergency
Specialist Credentials in Learning Handicapped,
Severely Handicapped, and Physically Handicapped

The Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing has approved and adopted the following Title 5 Regulations of the California Administrative Code relating to Emergency Specialist Credentials in Learning Handicapped, Severely Handicapped, and Physically Handicapped. These regulations have also been approved by the California State Board of Education.

Adopts new Section 5920.7 as follows:

5920.7. Emergency Specialist Credentials in Learning Handicapped, Severely Handicapped, and Physically Handicapped.

(a) Requirements. Each application shall include the following:

- (1) A statement of need described in Section 5920.3 of the California Administrative Code, Title 5.
- (2) A statement of intent to embark upon and pursue a program of preparation leading to the specialist credential.
- (3) Possession of a valid teaching credential requiring a baccalaureate degree and teacher preparation, including student teaching.
- (4) One of the following:
 - (A) Verification of at least one year of teaching experience within the past ten years in the area of specialization desired.
 - (B) Verification of completion of at least six semester hours of collegiate coursework specifically appropriate to the credential in the area of specialization desired.

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(b) Terms. The emergency specialist credential is not renewable but may be reissued if the applicant shows progress toward the credential by verifying the completion of appropriate college coursework, and the employing authorities certify their inability to find a qualified teacher by completing the statement of need (Section 5920.3). The reissuance may not be requested before August 15 for the ensuing school year.

(c) Authorization. The emergency specialist credential authorizes the same service as the clear specialist credential.