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TO: Educational Associations, Counselors and Deans
at Higher Education Institutions, and County
and District Superintendents of Schools

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SUBJECT: UPDATE - EXAMINATION SCORE STANDARDS
AND APPEAL PROCEDURES

In order to keep all candidates and constituents informed after each test administration, the Commission updates its examination score and appeal standards. Enclosed is a copy of the current Score Standards, which apply to examinations until July 31, 1979. Also enclosed is a copy of the Examination Appeal Process which applies to examinations taken through the November 1978 testing. The present appeal system is expected to be repealed before the February 1979 administration. You will be notified as soon as possible.

It is important that a candidate be informed that two fees are required when using the appeal process: a \$20 processing fee for the appeal, and a \$20 application fee for the credential.

I would appreciate it if you would circulate this information to the appropriate people on your staff and encourage them to make copies available for all candidates. Credential analysts and testing officers also should be encouraged to give copies to the students with whom they deal.

If you have any questions regarding these policies and procedures, please call Mrs. Marjorie B. Brodt, Consultant at (916) 322-2304 or ATSS 8-492-2304.

Enclosures

EXAMINATION SCORE STANDARDS - UPDATE

The Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing, at its September 1978 meeting, extended the use of the NTE Examinations and their adopted cut-off scores to July 31, 1979.

PASSING SCORE STANDARDS
September 1, 1974 - July 31, 1979

<u>Examination</u>	<u>Passing Score</u>
<u>Common Examinations (candidate must pass in each section)</u>	
Written English Expression	60
Social Science, Literature & Fine Arts	60
Science & Mathematics	62
<u>Single Subject Examinations</u>	
Agriculture	500
Art Education	622
Biology & General Science	676
Business Education	629
Chemistry, Physics & General Science	628
English Language & Literature	618
French	613
German	631
Home Economics Education	647
Industrial Arts Education	626
Mathematics	632
Men's Physical Education (taken prior to February 1976)	612
Music Education	616
Physical Education (February 1976 to present)	623
Social Studies	627
Spanish	636
Women's Physical Education (taken prior to February 1976)	664
Ed. Administration & Supervision (taken prior to January 1977)	617 *
(January 1, 1977 to present)	673 *
Reading Specialist/Miller-Unruh	560 *
Introduction to the Teaching of Reading	680 *

* No appeal possible

Note: The present appeal system is expected to be repealed before the February 1979 administration.

EXAMINATION APPEAL PROCESS *

The Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing, at its January 1977 meeting, adopted Examination Appeal Regulations. This appeal process is applicable only to examinations relating to the multiple and single subject teaching credentials. This updates our letter dated January 20, 1978 listing the minimum scores required for an appeal, by including the minimum score standards for the July 1978 administration of the examination.

The adopted appeal procedure states that:

Effective July 1, 1976, the Common Examination scores may be considered for appeal if all of the following (1, 2, and 3) are met:

- (1) the score is at least equivalent to the 25th percentile among California candidates at the same test administration;
- (2) the candidate has either -
 - (a) an overall grade point average of 3.0, or
 - (b) an excess score in one area of the Common Examinations equivalent to at least twice the shortage in the area(s) in question;
- (3) a grade point average of 2.5 has been earned in at least 12 semester hours of course work in the area(s) in question.

Effective July 1, 1976, Single Subject Matter Area Examinations scores may be considered for appeal if all of the following are met:

- (1) the score is at least equivalent to the 40th percentile among California candidates at the same test administration provided that at least 100 California candidates take the examination; if fewer than 100 California candidates take the examination, the score must be equivalent to the 40th percentile among national examinees at that test administration;
- (2) the candidate has an overall grade point average of 2.5;
- (3) the candidate has a grade point average of 3.0 in at least 18 semester hours of course work in the subject area for which the examination is to be waived;

and

effective November 3, 1977, the Single Subject Matter Agriculture Area Examination score may be considered for appeal if all of the following criteria are met:

- (1) a formula score equivalent to passing 40th percentile of the items;
- (2) an overall grade point average of 2.5;
- (3) a grade point average of 3.0 in at least 18 semester hours of course work in the subject area for which the examination is to be waived.

Commission policy provides that anyone meeting these standards who took the examination after July 1, 1974 may request an appeal by writing to the Commission; providing evidence required above, including a copy of the report of scores and complete transcripts; and submitting the required \$20 processing fee for each examination to be considered. This fee is not refundable. Scores will remain valid and may be used for appeal purposes for two years following the date of the examination on which the score was achieved.

If an applicant fails a subject matter examination and does not meet the standards stated in 1, 2 and 3 above, he may appeal by requesting to be examined by a Board of Examiners. Such an appeal shall be in writing and shall include all of the following:

- (1) verification that appellant has failed the examination and does not meet the standards stated in 1, 2 and 3 above;
- (2) agreement by the appellant to pay the costs for impaneling and operating the Board of Examiners.

This fee will be the actual costs to assemble a Board of Examiners. A maximum fee of \$250 must be paid prior to the scheduling of the examination. After actual costs have been determined, a refund of any unearned portion of the fee will be paid to the applicant.

The Commission shall appoint Boards of Examiners as appropriate, each consisting of not more than six persons drawn equally from practicing public school teachers and full-time higher education faculty in the subjects or field(s) in which the candidate wishes to be examined. All examinations held by such Boards shall be executive and closed sessions with only Board members, Commission members and staff, and the applicant permitted to attend. The recommendations of each Board of Examiners shall be in writing. A copy of such recommendations shall be transmitted to the Commission and the Commission will notify applicants of its decision by registered mail within 30 days after the Commission considers the recommendations of the Board.

The oral examination will be given at a location or locations designated by the Commission. No more than two such examinations shall be scheduled in one year for each subject matter area. This oral examination shall cover the substance specified in the adopted Scope and Content Statement appropriate to the subject matter area being examined, and shall be scheduled for no longer than three hours.

*Adapted from California Administrative Code, Title 5,
Sections 80071-80076.

A candidate meeting appeal standards must

- (1) send a written request for an appeal with the required \$20 processing fee. This fee is not refundable
- (2) include copies of the N.T.E. test results
- (3) send transcripts of all collegiate course work. Transcripts should be secured from each separate college attended.

NOTE: After a successful appeal, the only fee required will be the \$20 application fee. To speed processing, include a copy of the notification letter from this office with the application materials.

PASSING SCORE STANDARDS

September 1, 1974 - July 31, 1979

MINIMUM SCORES REQUIRED, BY DATE OF EXAMINATION, TO QUALIFY FOR THE APPEAL PROCESS

Examinations	Passing Score	Year									
		1974-75	Nov '75	Feb '76	Jul '76	Nov '76	Feb '77	Jul '77	Nov '77	Feb '78	Jul '78
Common (Candidate must pass in each section)											
Written English Expression	60	55	55	55	56	53	55	54	55	54	52
Soc. Sci., Lit. & Fine Arts	60	57	56	59	57	58	55	56	55	57	56
Science & Mathematics	62	56	56	54	55	54	55	55	55	54	51
(25th percentile of California scores)											
Single Subject											
(40th percentile of California scores)											
Agriculture (California Test)	500								520**		533**
Art Education	622	620	632	606	609	599	590*	590*	571*	571*	571*
Biology & General Science	676	658	696	593	640	601	660*	619	617*	636	604
Business Education	629	643	551	607	605	622	610*	610*	577*	577*	577*
Chemistry, Physics & Gen. Science	628	624	634	585	647	599	630*	630*	575*	575*	575*
English Language & Literature	618	615	617	574	585	574	582	592	582	587	582
French	613	662	635	561	---	661	600*	600*	572*	572*	572*
German	631	513	559	626	---	656	590*	590*	571*	570*	570*
Home Economics Education	647	625	588	638	618	671	630*	630*	599*	599*	599*
Industrial Arts Education	626	620	619	619	644	583	600*	600*	594*	594*	594*
Mathematics	632	582	551	564	579	565	561	555	556	544	541
Men's Phys. Ed. (prior to Feb. 1976)	612	620	612	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Music Education	616	541	553	636	---	661	600*	600*	583*	583*	583*
Physical Ed. (Feb. 1976 to present)	623	---	---	609	616	634	634	610	614	635	624
Social Studies	627	616	612	598	570	621	585	581	619	621	580
Spanish	636	641	634	600	---	632	610*	610*	585*	585*	585*
Women's Phys. Ed. (prior to Feb. 1976)	664	627	583	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

If fewer than 100 California candidates take the examination, the scores must be equivalent to the 40th percentile among national examinees. Scores equivalent to 40th percentile among national examinees are indicated by an asterisk ().

**Based only on California candidates.

A PROCESSING FEE OF \$20 MUST ACCOMPANY EACH APPEAL. IF THE APPEAL IS DENIED, THE FEE IS NOT REFUNDABLE.