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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: Eminence Credential Regulations

Following a public hearing on Friday, January 4, 1980, the Commission moved to rescind Title 5 Regulations, Section 80042, which provided an interpretation of "eminence" relative to issuance of Eminence Credentials. This action does not eliminate the Eminence Credential, but provides the Commission increased flexibility in reviewing and determining the appropriateness of each application for such credentials. Such reviews and determination will be made on the basis of Education Code, Section 44262 and California Administrative Code, Title 5 Regulation, Section 80043:

"80043. Statement of Employment and Verification of Qualifications. Pursuant to Section 44262 of the Education Code, issuance of an Eminence Credential shall be based upon a statement of employment and a verification of qualifications.

- (a) The Statement of Employment 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 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 need 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."

California Administrative Code, Title 5 Regulation, Sections 80044 (Scope of Eminence), 80045 (Reissuance of Eminence Credential), 80046 (Term of Issuance, Reissuance and Renewal) remain unchanged, as does the above cited Section 80043.

While the frequency of applications for the Eminence Credential averages only 12 a year (67 granted and 34 denied from 1971-1979), it did seem important to make it clear that the option for Eminence Credentials still exists.