

COMMISSION FOR TEACHER PREPARATION AND LICENSING

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82-8306
UPDATE

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

FROM: John F. Brown, Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Update on Proposed Regulation Section 80071.4,
Basic Skills Examination

On September 29, 1982 we distributed Coded Correspondence 82-8306 setting forth proposed Title 5 Regulations for the California Basic Educational Skills Test. These regulations must be adopted on an emergency basis in order to be in compliance with the law and to meet certain requirements of the Office of Administrative Law. The time constraints under which we are operating led us to distribute the proposed regulations prior to action on them by the Commission.

At its meeting on October 8, 1982, the Commission made some changes in the proposed regulations. We are, therefore, distributing the revised, proposed regulations. As with amendments to existing regulations, deletions are shown by strike-outs, and additions by underlining. I wish to emphasize, however, that the attached are amendments to proposed regulations which are still being considered for adoption by the Commission. The purpose and general content of the regulations are essentially the same as those distributed on September 29. The deletions and additions are intended primarily for clarification.

The public hearing prior to final adoption of these regulations will be held at the time and place previously announced. These are:

December 2, 1982
1:30 p.m.
Mansion Inn
16th and H Streets
Sacramento, California

Please feel free to duplicate and distribute the attached regulations to anyone you believe might be interested in responding. If you wish to make a presentation regarding the proposed regulations to the Commission, please bring thirty copies of your material for distribution to the Commissioners and staff. If you provide this statement to the Commission office by November 4, 1982, sufficient copies of the material will be duplicated and

distributed for Commission and staff use. We would also appreciate a call to the Commission office if you plan to make a presentation in order to schedule sufficient time on the agenda for people who wish to address the Commission. If you do not want to make a presentation or submit a statement regarding the proposed regulations, you can reply on the response form found on the last page.

The proposed regulation is as follows:

80071.4 Basic Skills Examination

(a) After January 31, 1983, every applicant for an ~~initial~~ credential, permit, certificate, supplementary authorization or added authorization, that has not been awarded previously, or for the renewal of an emergency credential shall be required to have obtained a passing score on the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST). ~~This requirement applies for any given credential, permit, certificate, or additional authorization that has not been awarded previously.~~ The requirement does not apply for upgrading a credential from preliminary to clear or clear to life.

(b) Pursuant to Education Code Section 44252(b)(1)(2), applicants for the following credentials are exempt from this requirement:

(1) a credential to be issued solely for teaching adults in an apprenticeship program; and

(2) a credential for an adult education designated subject other than an academic subject.

(c) Pursuant to Education Code Section 44252(b)(3), applicants who are credentialed or can meet the requirements for a credential in another state and apply to the Commission after January 31, 1983 and before July 1, 1984 will be issued a one year non-renewable emergency credential until they have passed the CBEST. This credential will, however, be issued only upon receipt of written verification from a district that the individual is an applicant for employment and has passed the Basic Skills Proficiency Test developed by the district.

(d) Pursuant to Education Code Section 44253, applicants for a vocational designated subjects credential will be given a one year preliminary or internship credential until they have passed the CBEST.

(e) An applicant for any credential, permit, certificate, or supplementary authorization shall be required to have passed the CBEST only once, regardless of the time that has elapsed between the date of passing the test and the date of the application.

(f) The Commission will administer this test at least three times in a calendar year, and at appropriate times during the year so that school district and/or county superintendents will

be able to identify a list of people qualified to meet their ordinary needs for substitute teachers.

(g) The Commission will arrange for a special administration of the test within ten working days of receipt of written verification by the local education agency governing board that the conditions specified below have been met. Arrangements for special administrations will not be made until this written verification has been received.

(1) Substitutes must be found for at least 25 percent or forty of the teaching staff, whichever is the larger number, at one time.

(2) The district or county agrees to provide space suitable for the test administration, and to provide administrative support in identifying qualified examination proctors and in accomplishing the test registration process.

(3) The district or county agrees to reimburse the Commission for all necessary costs of a special administration that are in excess of those recovered by the applicant test fee that is specified by law. ~~Such costs include, but are not necessarily limited to, expenses for the time and travel of a qualified test supervisor that exceed those paid for a regular administration, costs of assembling qualified people to grade the Writing section of the test if the number of papers to be read does not permit the most efficient use of the graders' time, administrative coordination by the contractor, and special data processing costs.~~

(4) The district or county agrees not to require the credential applicant to pay any of these excess costs.

(5) The district or county agrees to be responsible for all publicity on any special administration of the CBEST.

(h) The Commission will gather and make available annually data on the proportions of examinees who passed the test, grouped on the basis of the California institution of higher education attended, and other data as the Commission may deem appropriate.

(i) An applicant who fails the test may repeat it as many times as he/she wishes. There will be no limit on the number of times an applicant may attempt the test; the test fee for each attempt will be that specified in Section 80487(a)(5) of these regulations.

Authority Cited: Education Code Section 44225

Reference: Education Code Sections 44252 and 44252.5

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Section(s) 80071.4

RESPONSE TO ATTACHED TITLE 5 REGULATIONS

So that the Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing can more clearly estimate the general field response to the attached Title 5 Regulations which are coming up for Public Hearing, please return this response to the Commission Office at the above address by November 30, 1982 in order that the material can be presented at the December 2, 1982 Commission meeting.

- 1. Yes, I agree with the proposed Title 5 Regulations. Please count me in favor of these regulations.
- 2. No, I do not agree with the proposed Title 5 Regulations for the following reasons: (If additional space is needed, use the reverse side of this sheet.)
- 3. Personal opinion of the undersigned only.
- Organizational opinion. (Please specify) _____
- 4. I shall be at the Public Hearing, place my name on the list for making a presentation to the Commission.
- No, I will not make a presentation to the Commission at the Public Hearing.

_____ Date _____
(Print or type name)

Title: _____

Representing: _____
(Circle One: School District; College, University, Professional Organization, Private Citizen, Other)