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TO: County Offices of Education, IHEs with Commission-Approved
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SUBJECT: Documents for Service in Special Centers for the Handicapped

On April 8, 1983, the Commission on Teacher Credentialing adopted Title 5 Regulations which affect teachers who serve in special centers for the handicapped and the agencies that employ them. A copy of the revised Title 5 sections (80061, 80061.1, 80061.2) are attached.

INITIAL ASSIGNMENT OF TEACHERS

After June 30, 1983, no teacher may be initially assigned to teach in a special center unless he/she holds one of the following credentials or permits:

- Severely Handicapped Specialist Credential
- Restricted Severely Handicapped Credential
- Life Development Center Permit
- Life Special Center Permit
- Other special education credential that, under previous laws, authorized teaching in programs for severely handicapped children

CONTINUED ASSIGNMENT OF TEACHERS

Teachers who were employed in a special center as of June 30, 1983, may continue to be assigned as long as they hold one of the credentials or permits listed above or one of the following:

- Provisional, Postponed or Clear Development Center Permit
- Clear Special Center Permit
- Other permit or credential which was used for service in a special center prior to June 30, 1984, as long as the holder qualifies for the Clear Special Center Permit by June 30, 1984.

REQUIREMENTS, AUTHORIZATIONS AND TIME LIMITS OF THESE DOCUMENTS

The attached information leaflet lists the requirements and authorizations for each of the credentials and permits for service in special centers for the handicapped. The chart on the reverse of the leaflet shows the steps an individual must take to obtain a credential or permit that will allow them to continue to teach in a special center.

If you have any questions about these documents, please contact our Information Services Office between 12:30 and 4:30 Monday through Friday at 916/445-7254.

Attachments

80061 Teaching in Special Centers After June 30, 1983

- a. After June 30, 1983, no teacher shall be initially assigned to teach in a special center unless he or she holds a Special Education Specialist Instruction Credential authorizing the teaching of severely handicapped, the Restricted Severely Handicapped Credential, the Life Development Center Instruction Permit, the Life Special Center Permit, or any other special education credential that, under previous laws and statutes, authorized teaching in programs for children who are severely handicapped as defined in Education Code Section 56030.5.
- b. After June 30, 1983, holders of the Clear Special Center Permit, as specified in Section 80061.2, shall continue to be authorized to teach in a special center until June 30, 1988, provided he or she verifies annually to the employing agency that he or she is engaged in a program leading to the Special Education Specialist Instruction Credential authorizing the teaching of severely handicapped or the Restricted Severely Handicapped Credential.
- c. After June 30, 1983, holders of a Development Center Instruction Permit that authorizes service in a Special Center may continue to serve in a special center until their permits expire.

Authority: Education Code Section 44225(b)

Reference: Education Code Sections 56364, 56364.5, 44265, 44256(c)

80061.1 Requirements for the Restricted Severely Handicapped Credential

- a. The requirements for the Restricted Severely Handicapped Credential shall include all of the following:
 1. A baccalaureate or higher degree from an accredited institution;
 2. Possession of a Special Center Permit;
 3. Three years of continuous employment as of June 30, 1983 in a special center as specified in Education Code Section 45364;
 4. Completion of a Commission-approved program for the Special Education Specialist Instruction Credential authorizing the teaching of severely handicapped; and
 5. Verification of passage of the California Basic Education Skills Test, as specified in Education Code, Section 44252.
- b. Authorization. The Restricted Severely Handicapped Credential authorizes the instruction, guidance, and care of children in a special center and not in a special class as both are used in Article 4, Section 56364.

Authority: Education Code Section 44225(b)

Reference: Education Code Section 56364.5

80061.2 Requirements for the Special Center Permit

- a. The requirements for the Clear Special Center Permit shall include all of the following:
 1. Sixty semester hours of college course work including 8 semester hours selected from the following fields: Specialized preparation to serve as a teacher of exceptional children, nursery education, early childhood education or child development.
 2. Three years of continuous employment as of June 30, 1984 in a special center as specified in Education Code Section 56364.
- b. The requirements for the Life Special Center Permit shall be one year of continuous employment while serving under a Clear Development Center Instructional Permit if both of the following are met:
 1. the experience was gained on or before June 30, 1983; and
 2. the application was filed on or before June 30, 1985.
- c. Holders of permits or credentials that authorize service in a special center prior to June 30, 1984, and who meet the requirements specified in Section a. above, shall be deemed to hold a Clear Special Center Permit.
- d. Holders of permits that authorize service in a special center prior to June 30, 1984, and who meet the requirements specified in Section a. above, shall upon application, be granted the Clear Special Center Permit.
- e. The validity period of the Clear Special Center Permit shall be from the date of issuance to June 30, 1988.
- f. Authorization. The Special Center Permit authorizes the instruction, guidance and care of children in a Special Center as defined in Education Code Sections 56364 and 56030.5.

Authority: Education Code Section 44225(b)

Reference: Education Code Section 56364

DOCUMENTS FOR SERVICE IN SPECIAL CENTERS
(Requirements listed on reverse)

<u>DOCUMENT APPLICANT CURRENTLY HOLDS:</u>	<u>EXPERIENCE IN A SPECIAL CENTER:</u>	<u>CURRENT DOCUMENT ALLOWS:</u>	<u>TO CONTINUE SERVICE IN SPECIAL CENTER APPLICANT MUST MEET REQUIREMENTS & APPLY FOR: **</u>
. No credential or permit			Basic & SH Specialist credentials
. Life Development Center Permit		Service for life of holder	No additional requirements
. Life Special Center Permit		Service for life of holder	No additional requirements
. Clear, Post-poned, Provisional Development Center permit	3 yrs by 6-30-83	Service until DCP expires	Clear Special Center Permit* then Restricted SH Credential
. Clear, Post-poned, Provisional Development Center permit	3 yrs by 6-30-84	Service until DCP expires	Clear Special Center Permit* then basic and SH Specialist credentials
. Clear, Post-poned, Provisional Development Center permit	Less than 3 yrs by 6-30-84	Service until DCP expires	Basic & SH Specialist credentials
. Any other credential or permit which authorized service in a special center prior to 6-30-83	3 yrs by 6-30-83	Service until document expires or 6-30-88 whichever comes first	Clear Special Center Permit* then Restricted SH credential
. Any other credential or permit which authorized service in a special center prior to 6-30-83	3 yrs by 6-30-84	Service until document expires or 6-30-88 whichever comes first	Clear Special Center Permit* then basic and SH Specialist credentials
. Any other credential or permit which authorized service in a special center prior to 6-30-83	Less than 3 yrs by 6-30-84	Service until document expires or 6-30-88 whichever comes first	Basic & SH Specialist credentials

*All Clear Special Center Permits expire on 6-30-88.

**An applicant may choose to complete requirements for the basic & SH Specialist credentials instead of for the Special Center Permit or Restricted SH at any time.

DOCUMENTS FOR SERVICE IN SPECIAL CENTERS FOR THE HANDICAPPED
(Formerly Development Center Permits)

Effective July 1, 1983, the Commission office will no longer issue or renew Development Center Permits. Individuals who hold provisional, postponed or clear Development Center Permits may continue to serve in a special center until their current Development Center Permit expires. At that time, if they wish to continue to serve in the special center, they must hold or qualify for one of the following: Life Development Center Permit, Life Special Center Permit, Clear Special Center Permit, Restricted Severely Handicapped Credential, Severely Handicapped Specialist Credential, or any other special education credential that, under previous laws and regulations, authorized teaching in a special center.

LIFE DEVELOPMENT CENTER PERMIT, which was available only to applicants who applied on or before 6-30-83, required that the applicant hold a Clear Development Center Permit and verify completion of one year of successful experience under the permit in a development center within the two years immediately preceding application. Holders of the Life Development Center Permit shall continue to be authorized to serve in a special center indefinitely.

Authorization: The Life Development Center Permit authorizes the instruction, guidance and care of children in a special center as defined in Education Code Sections 56364 and 56030.5.

LIFE SPECIAL CENTER PERMIT requires that the applicant apply on or before 6-30-85, hold a Clear Development Center Permit, and verify completion of one year of continuous employment by 6-30-83 while holding the Clear Development Center Permit. Holders of the Life Special Center Permit shall continue to be authorized to serve in a special center indefinitely.

Authorization: The Life Special Center Permit authorizes the instruction, guidance and care of children in a special center as defined in Education Code Sections 56364 and 56030.5.

CLEAR SPECIAL CENTER PERMIT requires verification of the completion of (1) 60 semester hours of college course work including 8 semester hours selected from the following fields: specialized preparation to serve as a teacher of exceptional children, nursery education, early childhood education or child development; and (2) three years of continuous employment as of 6-30-84 in a special center. The Clear Special Center Permit expires on 6-30-88 and will not be renewed. To continue to serve in a special center after that date the applicant must qualify for either the Restricted Severely Handicapped Credential or the Severely Handicapped Specialist Credential.

Authorization: The Clear Special Center Permit authorizes the instruction, guidance and care of children in a special center as defined in Education Code Sections 56364 and 56030.5.

RESTRICTED SEVERELY HANDICAPPED CREDENTIAL requires verification of the following:

- (1) completion of a bachelor's or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university,
- (2) possession of a Clear or Life Special Center Permit,
- (3) completion of three years of continuous employment as of 6-30-83 in a special center, and
- (4) completion of a Commission-approved program for the Severely Handicapped Specialist Credential.

Authorization: The Restricted Severely Handicapped Credential authorizes the instruction, guidance and care of children in a special center, but not in a special class, as both of these terms are defined in Article 4, Section 56364 of the Education Code.

SEVERELY HANDICAPPED SPECIALIST CREDENTIAL requires verification of the following:

- (1) possession of a valid basic teaching credential (not a Special Center Permit), and
- (2) completion of a Commission approved program for the Severely Handicapped Specialist Credential including the formal recommendation of the college or university where the program is completed.

Authorization: The Severely handicapped Specialist Credential authorizes the holder to teach the severely handicapped (including trainable mentally retarded, severely multiple handicapped, seriously emotionally disturbed, and autistic) at any grade level: preschool, kindergarten and grades 1 through 12, and in classes organized primarily for adults.

Individuals who hold any other type of credential or permit which has the authorized service in a special center prior to June 30, 1983, and who meet the requirements for the Clear Special Center Permit outlined above, shall be deemed to hold a Clear Special Center Permit for employment purposes. These individuals will be issued a Clear Special Center Permit upon application to the Commission office any time before 6-30-88.