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To: All Individuals and Groups Interested in the Activities of
the Commission on Teacher Credentialing

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Subject: New Law Makes Life Credentials Available Again for a
Limited Time (January 1, 1987 Through March 31, 1987)

As you are aware, the authority of the Commission to issue life credentials was removed, effective September 1, 1985. Since that date, the Commission, in accordance with law, has not issued life credentials.

The purpose of this coded correspondence is to inform you (and to encourage you to inform others) that a new law has been passed (SB 869, Bergeson) that opens a brief window of time during which eligible persons may apply for and receive a life credential.

The specific conditions under which an individual may take advantage of this new law and the requirements for application follow:

CONDITIONS

1. Application for a life credential MUST HAVE A FILING DATE BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 1987 AND MARCH 31, 1987; and
2. The applicant MUST HAVE MET ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LIFE CREDENTIAL AS OF AUGUST 31, 1985.

REQUIREMENTS

BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 1987 AND MARCH 31, 1987, an applicant for a life credential must submit the following to the Commission:

1. Completed Application Form 41-4;
2. Application fee in the amount of \$50.00; and
3. Verification of two years of full-time teaching or other certificated service rendered on the basis of the clear credential under consideration, COMPLETED AS OF AUGUST 31, 1985.

Teaching or other certificated service shall be acceptable for this requirement when the employment was in a position generally requiring the type of credential under consideration. Full-time service on the basis of a teaching or services credential which is dependent upon a teaching credential shall be acceptable for either credential. Teaching experience shall be acceptable only for meeting this requirement for teaching credentials.

Teaching or service experience in a California private school will be accepted on the same basis as public school experience if such private school offered, and the applicant provided, instruction which exempted students from the requirements of attendance upon a public full-time day school pursuant to Education Code Section 48222.

In anticipation of some questions that may arise related to the implementation of this new law, the following information is provided:

QUESTION

1. What is a filing date?

ANSWER

The date of filing is determined by either: the date an application is delivered to the Commission Office, the office of the county superintendent of schools, the office of any school district or local education agency; or the date the application is mailed to one of these agencies.

If the postmarked date is absent or illegible, the date of filing will be the date the application is received by one of the agencies previously mentioned.

2. What will happen to applications that are filed before 1-1-87?

If the applicant's credential expires before 1-1-87, it will be renewed as usual. Another application and fee will be required for the life credential and must have a filing date between 1-1-87 and 3-31-87. If the credential does not expire before 1-1-87, the application will be returned to the applicant.

3. Why is the application fee \$50.00?

The signing into law of AB 3843 raises the credential application fee to \$50.00, effective 1-1-87.

4. What will happen to an application that is submitted with the wrong fee amount?

The application will be returned by the mailroom for the proper fee amount. The date of filing will not be affected by this action because the return date is noted on the application form, but the correct fee amount should be submitted as soon as possible.

5. What will happen to the application fee if it is determined that the applicant does not qualify for a life credential?

The fee is earned when the application is received (Title 5, Section 80487).

For your information, the complete text of this new law is as follows:

EDUCATION CODE SECTION 44255. The commission shall issue a life credential to an applicant who meets both of the following requirements:

(a) As of August 31, 1985, the applicant had fulfilled all requirements for a life credential that were in effect at that time, including the requirement of two years of teaching in California public schools.

(b) The applicant applies to the commission for a life credential between January 1, 1987, and March 31, 1987, setting forth the qualifications that would have entitled the applicant to receive a life credential if he or she had applied on or before August 31, 1985, and enclosing the appropriate fee.

Your assistance in seeing that this information receives as wide a distribution as possible will be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions concerning this new law, please contact our Information Services Office at (916) 445-7254, between 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., weekdays.