

## COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING

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

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SUBJECT: Emergency credentials based on 90 semester hours of  
collegiate course work, no longer available after 1-1-87

As amended in 1984, Education Code, Section 44254, establishes the ending date for the issuance of emergency credentials based on less than a bachelor's degree:

**44254. Emergency credentials**

Emergency credentials may be issued in accordance with regulations adopted by the commission.

The terms, reasons, and justification for the issuance of such credentials shall be regularly reported to the Legislature, as well as their number, kind, the number of emergency credentials issued to individuals who do not have baccalaureate degrees and other pertinent information. Emergency credentials shall only be authorized when insufficient certified teachers are available.

An emergency credential may not be issued unless the holder has received a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution.

In the event that a school district or a county office of education, after having solicited and reviewed applications for teaching positions, finds that there is an insufficient number of candidates for emergency credentials who hold baccalaureate degrees, the governing board of the district or the county board of education may, until January 1, 1987, make a declaration of this insufficiency. The declaration shall be made in the form of a motion adopted by the governing board of the district or the county board of education at a regularly scheduled meeting of the governing board of the district or the county board of education and shall be entered into the minutes of the meeting. The commission may issue emergency credentials for service in districts and county offices of education adopting this declaration to individuals who have completed at least 90 units of college level coursework at an accredited institution....

Applications for emergency credentials based on a declaration of insufficiency and 90 semester units of college course work must be filed **before** January 1, 1987. All such credentials will expire on June 30, 1987. Emergency credentials issued on and after January 1, 1987, will require a minimum of a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution.

Please see Credential Handbook, Section V, for further information about emergency credentials, or refer to California Administrative Code, Title 5, Sections 80023, 80024.1, 80024.2, 80024.5, and 80025.