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TO: Designated Individuals Representing County Superintendents of Schools, Credential Analysts, Directors of Reading Specialists in School Districts, and Individuals Interested in the Following Category of Information from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing

CATEGORY: #11-- Other, Specialist Credential Information: Reading

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SUBJECT: Title 5 Regulations, Section 80048.1, for Restricted Specialist Teaching Credential in Reading

The Title 5 Regulations for the Restricted Specialist Teaching Credential in Reading have been approved by the Office of Administrative Law and filed with the Secretary of State. They become effective September 7, 1988. We have had emergency regulations in effect since December 1, 1987, so have accepted applications for the Restricted Credential since that date.

The differences between the emergency regulations and the final regulations are:

- the requirement of 150 clock hours of professional growth for renewal was deleted. The Commission plans to seek legislation to establish professional growth requirements for all specialist and services credentials and would prefer to have professional growth requirements consistent throughout the regulations, rather than added piecemeal as specific regulations come up for revision; and
- the term of the credential was clarified.

The text of the new regulation follows:

80048.1. Specialist Teaching Credentials in Reading.

- (a) Requirements for the Restricted Specialist Teaching Credential in Reading for grades kindergarten through six.
- (1) For initial issuance:

- (A) Possession a valid California teaching credential requiring a baccalaureate degree and teacher preparation, including student teaching.
 - (B) Possession of a Miller-Unruh Reading Certificate issued prior to June 30, 1987, pursuant to the Miller-Unruh Basic Reading Act of 1965, or passage of the National Teacher Examination for Reading Specialist (#30) and submission of an application for the Miller-Unruh Reading Certificate prior to December 1, 1987.
 - (C) Letters from current or previous employers verifying completion of three years of teaching experience, including at least one year in a reading specialist position within the last five years.
 - (D) Official transcripts showing completion of the following college or university courses:
 - 1. a basic course in the teaching of elementary school reading, and
 - 2. a basic course in the teaching of elementary school language, and
 - 3. a basic course in the diagnosis and remediation of reading disabilities, and
 - 4. a course in directed clinical practice in the remediation of reading disabilities.
 - (E) The fee for initial issuance of this credential shall be one-half of the application fee as specified in Section 80487.
- (2) Term: the Restricted Specialist Teaching Credential in Reading shall be initially issued and renewed for the period of time specified in Section 80048. Renewals shall be subject to submission of a completed credential application form and the fee as specified in Section 80487.
- (3) Authorization: the Restricted Specialist Teaching Credential in Reading authorizes the holder to serve as a reading specialist in grades kindergarten through six.

Note: Authority cited: Section 44225, Education Code. Reference: Section 44265, Education Code.