

## 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: Extension of One-Year Preliminary Multiple Subject Teaching Credential for Holders who may have been Adversely Affected by the Change from the NTE General Knowledge Test to the Multiple Subject Assessment for Teachers (MSAT)

At its meeting on November 6, 1992, the Commission voted to allow teachers with one-year preliminary Multiple Subject Teaching Credentials to apply for a one-year extension of that credential if they have been unable to complete the subject matter competency requirement. To be eligible for the extension, the individual must:

- hold a one-year preliminary Multiple Subject Teaching Credential with an issuance date between 9-1-91 and 10-1-92;
- have completed the U.S. Constitution and teaching of reading requirements, as applicable; and
- submit a completed application form and \$65 application fee.

The one-year extension will be part of the total five-year preliminary time period in which all requirements for the professional clear credential must be met. The expiration date of the extension will be one year from the expiration date of the original preliminary Multiple Subject Teaching Credential.

The decision to offer this one-year extension was based on several factors. The first consideration was the difficulty NTE and the Commission encountered providing notice to credential holders of the change in the examination option from the General Knowledge Test of the NTE Core Battery to the new Multiple Subject Assessment for Teachers (MSAT). A second concern was the lack of information about the new examination available to the general public, including the absence of study materials. The third factor was the Commission's desire to minimize the negative effects of any transition of this nature on individual credential holders. The final argument for the extension was the Commission's recent acceptance of a recommendation from their Streamlining Panel to pursue legislation to change the initial preliminary period to two years for all candidates because of the complexity of the new subject matter programs and examinations.

Please address any questions concerning this extension to our Information Services Office at (916) 445-7254 between 12:30 and 4:30 any workday afternoon.