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DATE: November 17, 1995

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

FROM: Ruben L. Ingram, Ed. D.
Executive Director

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendment of Section 80094 of Title 5, California
Code of Regulations, Pertaining to Institutionally Approved
Subject Matter Equivalencies

Notice of Public Hearing is Hereby Given:

In accordance with Commission policy, proposed Title 5 Regulations are being distributed prior to the public hearing. A copy of the proposed regulations is attached. The added text is underlined, while the ~~deleted~~ is lined-through. The public hearing is scheduled on:

January 4, 1996
1:30 p.m.
Hilton Hotel
2200 Harvard Street
Sacramento, California

Statement of Reasons

Subject matter competency is required for the Multiple and Single Subject Teaching Credential, per Education Code §44259(b)(5). The competence can be met by either 1) passing an examination(s) in the specific subject or 2) completing an institution of higher education's subject matter program approved by the Commission. The Commission has established minimum standards for subject matter competence, and evaluating institutions have programs approved which meet not only the Commission's standards but which reflect their own philosophies and concerns. In reviewing applications for these credentials, the Commission found that individuals, who do not meet their own California institution's subject matter program, have been seeking

approval from other institutions which have different standards. The Commission feels that it is inappropriate for these second institutions to evaluate individuals about whom they have no firsthand knowledge, while another California institution does. The first amendment to §80094 would require that approval of subject matter competence can be given to California trained individuals only if all or part of their undergraduate or graduate academic or professional preparation was completed at that institution.

A second population of individuals, are those trained outside of California. In the Commission's review process, it was discovered that some institutions were not requiring the same standards of these individuals as they do of candidates in their own programs. The Commission feels that it is appropriate for approved institutions to be able to determine if these individuals have completed an equivalent subject matter program, but wants confirmation that all requirements have been met. The second amendment would require that institutions granting subject matter competency to out-of-state trained individuals, assess using those requirements established for their own students and verify this by a detailed evaluation.

The proposed changes to this regulation would also remove the requirement that an individual must transfer to the institution reviewing subject matter competency. It would be best for the institution to determine if a transfer is necessary. If the institution does not feel it is necessary and the requirement is left in the regulations, it would only cause needless delays for the individual.

Documents Relied Upon in Making Determination to Change These Regulations

Survey of Institutions of Higher Education

Written Comment Period

Any interested person, or his or her authorized representative, may submit written comments on the proposed action. The written comment period closes at 5:00 p.m. on January 3, 1996.

Any written comments received 14 days prior to the public hearing will be reproduced by the Commission's staff for each Commissioner as a courtesy to the person submitting the comments and will be included in the written agenda prepared for and presented to the full Commission at the hearing.

Submission of Written Comments

A response form is attached for your use when submitting written comments to the Commission. Please send it to the Commission at 1812 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814-7000, so it is received at least one day prior to the date of the public hearing.

Public Hearing

Oral comments on the proposed action will be taken at the public hearing. We would appreciate 14 days advance notice in order to schedule sufficient time on the agenda. Please contact Dr. Ruben L. Ingram at (916) 445-0184 regarding this.

Any person wishing to submit written comments at the public hearing may do so. It is requested, but not required, that persons submitting such comments provide twenty-five copies. All written statements submitted at the hearing will, however, be given full consideration regardless of the number of copies submitted.

Modification of Proposed Action

If the Commission proposes to modify the action hereby proposed, the modifications (other than nonsubstantial or solely grammatical modifications) will be made available for public comment for at least 15 days before they are adopted.

Contact Person/Further Information

Inquiries concerning the proposed action may be directed to Yvonne Novelli, telephone (916) 445-5865. Upon request, a copy of the express terms of the proposed action and a copy of the initial statement of reasons will be made available. Also available upon request is a copy of the proposed action written in plain English, at the eight grade level. In addition, all the information upon which this proposal is based is available for inspection and copying.

Attachments

**DIVISION VIII OF TITLE 5 OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF
REGULATIONS**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF SECTIONS 80094
(Institutionally Approved Subject Matter Equivalencies)**

§80094. Institutionally Approved Subject Matter Equivalencies.

Regionally accredited California colleges and universities approved by the Commission to offer subject matter programs in compliance with Education Code Section 44256 Institutions shall be authorized to develop and implement a system for determining ~~determine~~ subject matter equivalency for the equivalence of courses and programs to their Commission approved program which students may wish submit to transfer from another institution. The system may include, but not be limited to, the use of: (1) course descriptions; (2) competency rating sheets; (3) examinations (oral and written); and (4) recommendations from the other institutions. The Commission shall accept the verification of subject matter equivalence from approved institutions provided that, with the exception of persons whose academic and professional preparation were completed in regionally accredited institutions outside of California, the applicant for a multiple or single subject teaching credential has completed all or part of his or her undergraduate or graduate academic or professional preparation at the institution determining the equivalency of the subject matter.

For applicants whose academic and professional preparation were completed in regionally accredited institutions outside of California, the Commission shall accept subject matter equivalence determinations by approved California institutions so long as the institution submits verification that the out-of-state applicant has met requirements equivalent to those in the institution's approved program. Such verification shall include, but need not be limited to, a listing of courses completed by the applicant deemed to be equivalent to courses in the institution's approved program, attainment of all academic standards required in the institution's approved program, and successful completion of any final assessment required of students in the institution's approved program.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 44225(q), Education Code. Reference: Section 44256 44259(b)(5), Education Code. (Filed 7-22-82; Register 82, No. 30).

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Title: **Institutionally Approved Subject Matter
Equivalencies**
Section No.: **80094**

Response to the Attached Title 5 Regulations

So that the Commission on Teacher Credentialing can more clearly estimate the general field response to the attached Title 5 regulations, please return this response form to the Commission office at the above address by 5 pm on January 3, 1996, in order that the material can be presented at the January 4, 1996 public hearing.

- 1. **Yes**, I agree with the proposed Title 5 regulations. Please count me in favor of these regulations.
- 2. **No**, I do not agree with the proposed Title 5 Regulations for the following reasons: (If additional space is needed, use the reverse side of this sheet.)

- 3. Personal opinion of the undersigned. and/or
- 4. Organizational opinion representing: _____
(Circle One) School District, County Schools, College, University, Professional Organization, Other
- 5. I shall be at the public hearing, place my name on the list for making a presentation to the Commission.
- 6. No, I will not make a presentation to the Commission at the public hearing.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____ Phone: _____

Employer/Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____