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TO: All Individuals and Groups Interested in the Activities of the
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SUBJECT: Amendments to Title 5 Regulations, Sections 80043 and 80045,
Pertaining to Eminence Credentials

The Office of Administrative Law approved the amended Title 5 regulations, §80043 and §80045, pertaining to the requirements for the Eminence Credentials. The amended regulations become effective on November 11, 1996. Below is a brief outline of the changes, followed by a copy of the amended regulations.

§80043: Statement of Employment and Verification of Qualifications

For a better perception of an eminent individual, §80043(a) now defines the qualities and recognition needed to be viewed as eminent. Sub-section (b), which includes the materials needed by the Commission for their review, now requires the recommendation from the governing board of a school district, clarifies the required fees, and, as an option for verifying eminence, includes recommendations from professional colleagues and verification of advanced degrees. With the adoption of these amendments, the Commission may notify any interested group of a pending review.

§80045: Renewal of Eminence Credential

Section 80045 no longer places the renewal of an Eminence Credential at the level of an emergence permit. It no longer requires the district to state that the individual is the best one suited for the position or that the individual was evaluated on the same basis as a probationary educator. It does require that the support of the governing school board, adopted at a public hearing, accompany the renewal request.

§80043. Statement of Employment and Verification of Qualifications.

- (a) When considering an application for an Eminence Credential, the Commission shall be guided by the following definition of an eminent individual: The eminent individual is recognized as such beyond the boundaries of his or her community, has demonstrably advanced his or her field and has been acknowledged by his or her peers beyond the norm for others in the specific endeavor.
- (b) Pursuant to Section 44262 of the Education Code, issuance of an Eminence Credential shall be based upon a recommendation from the governing board of the school district, a statement of employment, submission of the fee(s) established in Section 80487 and a verification of the applicant's eminence qualifications.
 - (1) The Statement of Employment in the district shall include the proposed assignment of the credential applicant, and a certification of the intention of the district to employ the applicant if granted an Eminence Credential.
 - (2) The verification of eminence qualifications of an applicant for an Eminence Credential shall include:
 - (A) Recommendations, which may be from, but need not be limited to, the following: professional associations; former employers; professional colleagues; any other individuals or groups whose evaluations would support eminence; and
 - (B) Documentation of achievement, which may include, but need not be limited to, the following: advanced degrees earned; distinguished employment, evidence of related study or experience; publications; professional achievement; and recognition attained for contributions to his or her field of endeavor.
 - (3) The Commission shall provide notice to the public of those individuals for whom it is considering issuing Eminence Credentials. Any association, group, or individual may provide the Commission with a written statement regarding the qualifications of an individual under consideration for an Eminence Credential.

NOTE: Authority Cited: Section 44225, Education Code. Reference: Section 44262, Education Code.

§ 80045. Renewal of Eminence Credential.

The Commission shall renew an Eminence Credential upon receipt of an application for renewal with a written statement of support from the governing board of the school district adopted in a public meeting and submission of the fee(s) established in Section 80487.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 44225, Education Code. Reference: Section 44262, Education Code.