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

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Subject: Passage of Assembly Bill 838 (Pacheco)

Assembly Bill 838 (Pacheco), signed by Governor Wilson on October 3, 1997, establishes an alternate route for obtaining a Multiple Subject or Single Subject Teaching Credential, or Education Specialist Instruction Credential. The changes to Education Code Sections 44205 and 44205.5 are intended to provide flexibility to enable employing agencies to more easily recruit credentialed out-of-state elementary, secondary and special education teachers.

Under the provisions of this statute, the Commission will issue a five-year preliminary teaching credential to qualified individuals who verify prescribed requirements for a fee of \$200.00. At specified times during the valid period of the five-year preliminary credential there are requirements that must be met or the document will be inactivated. The individual may have the document reactivated by completing those requirements. When all requirements have been met at the end of five years, the individual may apply for a Professional Clear Multiple Subject, Single Subject, or Education Specialist Credential.

This is only one option for out-of-state teachers to qualify for a Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credential. See the chart in Appendix A. Information on the options for special education teachers may be found on page 3 of this correspondence.

Initial Issuance

A five-year preliminary *Multiple Subject, Single Subject or Education Specialist Credential* will be initially issued upon verification of:

- Completion of a baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university,
- Completion of an out-of-state teacher training program including student teaching, field work, or internship,

- Possession of a valid out-of-state teaching credential of comparable status to the California credential sought, issued by the state where the teacher training was completed,
- An offer of employment from a California public school district, county office of education, nonpublic or nonsectarian school or agency, or school operating under the direction of a California state agency, and
- Submission of an application form (41-4) and \$200.00 fee and, if the applicant does not already have fingerprint cards on file at the Commission, the Character and Identification Clearance application (41-CIC), two fingerprint cards (BID-7), and \$56.00 fee.

An individual is not eligible for a five-year preliminary credential under this statute if he or she previously held a One-Year Nonrenewable or Preliminary Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credential or a One-Year Nonrenewable or Preliminary Specialist Instruction or Education Specialist Credential in special education. This document is designed to bring new teachers into California, not provide for additional time to meet requirements for teachers already working here.

The preliminary document will be restricted to the agency employing the out-of-state credentialed teacher. This will allow the Commission to contact both the holder and the employing agency regarding the completion of requirements according to the established timeline.

The statute is very specific that an individual must hold a valid out-of-state credential at the level of the credential sought at the time the credential is issued. A letter of eligibility or equivalency from the Department of Education from another state is not sufficient. The Commission also cannot accept a credential from outside the United States as meeting this requirement.

Requirements to Complete During Valid Period

There are additional requirements that must be completed in order to maintain the validity of the five-year preliminary credential as illustrated on the charts below. By the end of the first year, the *Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credential* holder must verify passage of the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST). By the end of the fourth year, completion of (1) a course or passage of an examination on the Constitution of the United States, (2) an examination or course in the methods of teaching reading, and (3) verification of subject-matter competence either by achieving passing scores on the appropriate subject-matter examinations or obtaining verification of completion of an equivalent program from a California college or university with a Commission-approved subject-matter program is required.

At the end of the five-year time period of the preliminary Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credential, the holder will need to verify completion of the health education, special education, computer education, and fifth year of study requirements, and submit an application and appropriate fee for the professional clear credential.

Time Limit	Multiple and Single Subject Credential Requirements to Complete (AB 838)
End of Year 1	Passage of CBEST
End of Year 4	U.S. Constitution Methods of Teaching Reading Subject-Matter Competence
End of Year 5	Health Education Special Education Computer Education Fifth Year of Study Apply for Professional Clear Credential

Passage of CBEST by the end of the first year is also required for the *Education Specialist Instruction Credential*. The following is required by the end of the fourth year: (1) completion of a course or passage of an examination on the Constitution of the United States, (2) an examination or course in the methods of teaching reading, (3) verification of subject-matter competence either by achieving passing scores on the appropriate subject-matter examinations or obtaining verification of completion of an equivalent program from a California college or university with a Commission-approved subject-matter program, (4) a course in non-special education pedagogy, and (5) field work or experience in general education. Subject-matter competence is not required for individuals who hold a five-year preliminary Education Specialist Instruction Credential in the subject area of Early Childhood Education.

At the end of the five-year time period of the Preliminary Education Specialist Instruction Credential, the holder will need to verify completion of the health education and computer education requirements. In addition, two years of special education teaching experience and completion of the Level II Program are required. An application and appropriate fee are necessary when applying for the professional clear credential.

As an option to the AB 838 five-year preliminary credential, a teacher who completed an out-of-state special education program, either comparable to a California program or generic, may apply for a One-Year Nonrenewable Education Specialist Instruction Credential. This will allow the teacher one year to pass CBEST. Following passage of CBEST, the teacher who completed a generic program must enroll in and complete a Commission-accredited program in California. The teacher who completed a comparable program out of state may apply for an emergency permit each year for up to five years. During this time, the teacher must complete the additional requirements for the Preliminary Level I Credential, which are (1) verification of subject matter competence, (2) completion of a course or examination in the U.S. Constitution, (3) completion of a course or examination in teaching English language skills, including reading, (4) completion of a three semester unit course in non-special education pedagogy, and (5) completion of a one-semester unit field work course or 45

clock hours of supervised experience with non-special education students. Once these requirements have been met, the teacher may apply for a five-year Preliminary Level I Credential in order to complete the Level II program, health education, computer education, and experience requirements for the Professional Clear Level II Credential.

Time Limit	Education Specialist Teaching Credential Requirements to Complete (AB 838)
End of Year 1	Passage of CBEST
End of Year 4	U.S. Constitution Methods of Teaching Reading Subject-Matter Competence * Non Special Education Pedagogy Supervised Field Experience in General Education
End of Year 5	Health Education Computer Education Two Years Special Education Teaching Experience Level II Program including Recommendation from a California College or University Apply for Professional Clear Credential

* Subject-matter competence is not required for the Early Childhood Special Education Credential

Notification of Inactivating Credential

The preliminary credential issued on the basis of this statute will be inactivated if the applicant does not meet the requirements within the time limits given in the statute. The credential will remain inactive until the outstanding requirements are met. The inactive period of the credential does not extend the deadline on any requirements.

A system to track holders of credentials issued under this statute will be created by the Commission. This will allow the Commission to notify both the holder and the employing agency when to submit verification of a requirement. When more information is available, the Commission will send a correspondence to the field.

Effective Date

Assembly Bill 838 will go into effect on January 1, 1998. The Commission will be proposing Title 5 Regulations to implement the provisions of the bill. However, even though the timeline for the completion of the regulations will surpass the January 1, 1998 implementation date, the Commission will issue credentials to qualified applicants starting on January 1, 1998.

Questions

If you have questions, please contact the Information Services Office at (916) 445-7256 workday afternoons from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. or e-mail the Commission at credentials@ctc.ca.gov.

Appendix A -- Routes to Multiple and Single Subject Teaching Credential Certification

Initial Issuance	Renewal Requirements							
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
Multiple and Single Subject	OYNR ¹	Two-Year Preliminary	Three-Year Extension			Professional Clear	Professional Clear	Professional Clear
Bachelor's Degree Preparation Program ² Offer of Employment	Pass CBEST	U.S. Constitution Reading Subject-Matter	Fifth Year of Study Health Education Special Education Computer Education	Professional Growth Activities Verification of Successful Service	Professional Growth Activities Verification of Successful Service	Professional Growth Activities Verification of Successful Service	Professional Growth Activities Verification of Successful Service	
Multiple Subject only (until July 1, 2000)	Year 1 OYNR ¹	Year 2 Optional One-Year Prelim	Year 3 Two-Year Preliminary	Year 4	Year 5 Three-Year Extension	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8 Professional Clear
Bachelor's Degree Preparation Program ² Offer of Employment	Pass CBEST	None	U.S. Constitution Reading Subject-Matter	Fifth Year of Study Health Education Special Education Computer Education	Professional Growth Activities Verification of Successful Service	Professional Growth Activities Verification of Successful Service	Professional Growth Activities Verification of Successful Service	
AB 838 Multiple and Single Subject	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
Bachelor's Degree Preparation Program ² Valid Out-of-State Credential Offer of Employment	Pass CBEST	Five-Year Preliminary			Professional Clear	Professional Clear	Professional Clear	Professional Clear
	Pass CBEST	U.S. Constitution Reading Subject-Matter	Fifth Year of Study Health Education Special Education Computer Education	Professional Growth Activities Verification of Successful Service	Professional Growth Activities Verification of Successful Service	Professional Growth Activities Verification of Successful Service	Professional Growth Activities Verification of Successful Service	

¹ If the individual has passed CBEST, this step may be skipped.

² Teacher preparation program must include a student teaching, internship or field work component.