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TO: All Individuals and Groups Interested in the Activities of the  
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SUBJECT: Changes to Title 5 Section 80023.1 Concerning Valid Periods for  
Emergency Permits

On August 25, 1997 the Governor signed into law Senate Bill 674 (Chapter 344, Statutes of 1997) authored by Senator Thompson. This bill made two changes to the dating of emergency permits issued by the Commission.

First, the new law specifically states that emergency permits shall be valid for one year, thus removing the discretionary language from Education Code §44251 that allowed the Commission to determine the valid period of an emergency permit. Effective 1-1-98, the Commission will issue emergency permits for one calendar year instead of issuing them to June 30 or January 31 as we did in the past. Title 5 Section 80023.1(c)(1) is now consistent with the statute. This change allows a holder one full year to serve on the emergency permit and complete the requirements for renewal.

Second, the new law limits the number of reissuances available on an emergency permit. Effective 1-1-98, an individual who has held an emergency permit in the past will be able to receive five additional reissuances of that permit. An individual who applies initially for a permit after 1-1-98 will have the initial permit plus four reissuances for a total of five years. This is reflected in Title 5 Sections 80023.1(c)(3) and (4). All permits issued after 1-1-98 will include a renewal statement that explains which document it is in the series and how many additional years the individual may hold a permit before all requirements for the full credential must be completed.

If you have any questions about these changes, please contact the Commission's Information Services Office between 12:30 and 4:30 any workday afternoon at (916) 445-7256 or e-mail us at <credentials@ctc.ca.gov>.

**CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING**  
**DIVISION VIII OF TITLE 5; CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS**

**80023.1. General Provisions Governing Emergency Permits.**

The provisions of this section shall apply to all emergency permits specified in Section 80023.

- (a) Terms that are used in Sections 80023 through 80027, inclusive, are defined as follows:
- (1) The terms "employing agency" and "local education agency" mean the school district, county office of education, nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency, or school operating under the direction of a California state agency, which submits an emergency permit application to the Commission in order to employ the applicant.
  - (2) "Applicant" is the individual for whom an emergency permit application is submitted.
  - (3) "Regionally accredited college or university" means an institution of postsecondary education accredited by a regional accrediting body recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation and the United States Department of Education. In California the regional accrediting body is the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).
  - (4) "Related credential" refers to the credential that provides the same authorization as a particular emergency permit.
- (b) The following entities may submit emergency permit applications. Each application shall be submitted to the Commission on behalf of the applicant.
- (1) Public school districts in California.
  - (2) County offices of education or county superintendents of schools in California.
  - (3) Schools that operate under the direction of a California state agency.
  - (4) Nonpublic, nonsectarian schools and agencies as defined in Education Code Sections 56365 and 56366.
- (c) *Emergency permits are valid for the length of time specified as follows:*
- (1) *An emergency permit is valid for one year.*
  - (2) *The expiration date of an emergency permit which is dependent upon the possession of a valid basic credential will expire with that credential if it expires before the date explained above. The emergency permit may be extended, with an application and fee but without verification of renewal requirements, to the end of the specified period when the basic credential is renewed.*
  - (3) *An individual who holds an emergency permit that was initially issued prior to January 1, 1998, and that is in effect on or after January 1, 1998, may receive one or more reissuances of that permit for a maximum of five additional one-year periods.*
  - (4) *An individual who is issued an initial emergency permit on or after January 1, 1998, may receive one or more reissuances of that permit for a maximum of four additional one-year periods.*
- (d) Teaching or service authorized by an emergency permit shall be restricted to schools operated by the employing agency that requested the permit.