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SUBJECT: Amendment to Section 80499 of Title 5, California Code of Regulations,
Pertaining to Requirements for Adding an Authorization to a
Credential

The Office of Administrative Law has recently approved the proposed amendments to §80499 of Title 5. These changes will become *effective on April 1, 2000*. A detailed review of the changes, including a chart listing the new requirements, and a copy of the regulatory text follows.

These regulations require individuals who wish to add a new level to the authorization of their preliminary, clear, life or professional clear Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credential, to complete additional training appropriate to the new authorization. Coursework in the study of alternative methods of developing English language skills and the subject-matter pedagogy must be satisfied with a grade of "C" or better, "Pass," or "Credit." If using the Reading Instruction Competence Assessment (RICA) option for the English language skills for the beginning learner, the minimum score is the same as that required for the Multiple Subject Credential obtained using the traditional method: 81 points for the Writing Examination or 17 points for the Video Performance Assessment. The regulation also clarifies the procedure for adding a single subject authorization to an existing Single Subject Teaching Credential.

The approved regulations have not changed the requirements for adding an authorization to a pre-Ryan credential other than requiring that the pre-Ryan credential be valid at the time the new authorization is added. This is also required of Ryan credential holders.

Adding an Authorization to a Clear, Life or Professional Clear Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credential

The new regulations require holders of clear, life or professional clear Multiple Subject Teaching Credentials who wish to obtain Single Subject Teaching Credentials to verify both of the following:

- 1) satisfy the specific subject matter competency requirement, and
- 2) complete a three-semester unit course in methodology directly related to teaching in a departmentalized setting.

Holders of a Single Subject Teaching Credential must verify all of the following to obtain a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential:

- 1) satisfy liberal studies subject matter competency,
- 2) complete a three-semester unit course in methodology directly related to teaching in a self-contained setting, and
- 3) complete a course or assessment (RICA) covering the development of English language skills for the beginning learner including reading.

The holder of a Single Subject Teaching Credential who wishes to add another single subject area only needs to verify subject matter competency in that area.

Adding an Authorization to a Preliminary Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credential

Holders of a preliminary Multiple Subject Teaching Credential must verify the following to obtain a five-year preliminary Single Subject Teaching Credential:

- 1) satisfy the specific subject matter competency,
- 2) complete a three-semester unit course in methodology directly related to teaching in a departmentalized setting,
- 3) English language skills including reading, and
- 4) the United States Constitution.

The new regulations require holders of a preliminary Single Subject Teaching Credential to verify all of the following to obtain a five-year preliminary Multiple Subject Teaching Credential:

- 1) satisfy liberal studies subject matter competency,
- 2) complete a three-semester unit course in methodology directly related to teaching in a self-contained setting,
- 3) complete a course or assessment (RICA) covering the development of English language skills for the beginning learner including reading, and
- 4) the United States Constitution.

The holder of a preliminary Single Subject Teaching Credential who wishes to add another single subject area only needs to verify subject matter competency in that area. If the other requirements needed for the renewal have not yet been satisfied, then the new credential will have the same expiration date as the Single Subject Teaching Credential held.

ADDING AN AUTHORIZATION TO A RYAN CREDENTIAL

Valid Credential Held	Requirement(s)	Credential Sought
Clear, Life, or Professional Clear Multiple Subject	1) specialty area subject matter competency 2) departmentalized methodology course ¹	Clear or Professional Clear Single Subject
Clear, Life, or Professional Clear Single Subject	1) liberal studies subject matter competency 2) self-contained methodology course ¹ 3) English language skills for <u>beginning</u> readers: course ² or the RICA	Clear or Professional Clear Multiple Subject
Clear, Life, or Professional Clear Single Subject	1) new specialty area subject matter competency	Clear or Professional Clear Single Subject
Preliminary Multiple Subject	1) specialty area subject matter competency 2) departmentalized methodology course ¹ 3) the United States Constitution ³ 4) English language skills including reading ^{2, 4}	Five-Year Preliminary Single Subject
Preliminary Single Subject	1) liberal studies subject matter competency 2) self-contained methodology course ¹ 3) English language skills for <u>beginning</u> readers: course ² or the RICA 4) the United States Constitution ³	Five-Year Preliminary Multiple Subject
Two-Year Preliminary Single Subject	1) new specialty area subject matter competency	Two-Year Preliminary Single Subject with same expiration date
Five-Year Preliminary Single Subject	1) new specialty area subject matter competency	Five-Year Preliminary Single Subject with same expiration date

1. These methodology courses must be at least three-semester units and have a grade of "C" or better, "Pass," or "Credit."
2. These English Language skills courses must have a grade of "C" or better, "Pass," or "Credit."
3. If the US Constitution requirement has been satisfied for the credential held, then it does not need to be re-taken for the credential sought.
4. If the English language skills requirement has been satisfied for the preliminary Multiple Subject Teaching Credential, then it does not need to be re-taken for the Single Subject Teaching Credential.

**Division VIII of Title 5
California Code of Regulations**

**Amendments to Section 80499
Pertaining to Requirements for Adding an
Authorization to a Credential**

Section 80499. Requirements for Adding an Authorization to an Existing Credential

- (a) A qualified applicant who holds a teaching credential as described in (b) and desires an additional authorization may apply for the authorization by recommendation of an institution approved by the Commission to recommend for the authorization, or may apply directly to the Commission pursuant to (c), (d), (e) or (f) below.
- (b) The following definitions apply only to §80499. A "qualified applicant" is defined as a holder of a valid credential that meets the definition of a "basic teaching credential" pursuant to Education Code §44203(e)(1) only. The "holder of a valid credential" is defined as an individual who possesses the appropriate, valid basic teaching credential.
- (c) A qualified applicant holding a valid clear, life or professional clear Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credential may obtain an additional authorization when the holder has verified either (1), (2), or (3) below.
 - (1) The holder of a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential may obtain a Single Subject Teaching Credential by verifying both of the following requirements:
 - (A) subject matter knowledge in the requested area by completion of either the appropriate subject-matter examination(s) adopted by the Commission, or a Commission-approved subject-matter program, and
 - (B) a course of three semester or four quarter units in subject matter pedagogy directly related to teaching in a departmentalized setting.
 - (2) The holder of a Single Subject Teaching Credential may obtain a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential by verifying all of the following requirements:
 - (A) subject matter knowledge in the requested area by completion of either the appropriate subject-matter examination(s) adopted by the Commission, or a Commission-approved subject-matter program,
 - (B) a course of three semester or four quarter units in subject-matter pedagogy directly related to teaching in a self-contained setting, and
 - (C) study of alternative methods of developing English language skills as described in Education Code Sections 44259(b)(4) and 44283. This requirement may be satisfied by either completion of coursework or by passage of the Reading Instruction Competence Assessment (RICA) at the level required for the Multiple Subject Teaching Credential.
 - (3) The holder of a Single Subject Teaching Credential may obtain a Single Subject Teaching Credential in an added authorization by verifying the following requirement:
 - (A) subject matter knowledge in the requested area by completion of either the appropriate subject-matter examination(s) adopted by the Commission, or a Commission-approved subject-matter program.

- (4) A grade of "C" or better, "Pass," or "Credit," must be earned in the coursework in the study of alternative methods of developing English language skills and the subject-matter pedagogy.
 - (5) The applicant will be granted a clear multiple or single subject teaching authorization if the credential held is a clear or life. The applicant will be granted a professional clear multiple or single subject teaching authorization if the credential held is a professional clear.
- (d) A qualified applicant holding a valid preliminary Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credential may obtain a preliminary multiple or single subject teaching authorization when the holder has verified successful completion of (1), (2), and (3) below:
- (1) The holder of a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential may obtain a Single Subject Teaching Credential by verifying all of the following requirements:
 - (A) subject matter knowledge in the requested area by completion of either the appropriate subject-matter examination(s) adopted by the Commission, or a Commission-approved subject-matter program,
 - (B) a course of three semester or four quarter units in subject matter pedagogy directly related to teaching in a departmentalized setting,
 - (C) study of alternative methods of developing English language skills, as described in Education Code Section 44259(b)(4), and
 - (D) demonstration of a knowledge of the principles and provisions of the Constitution of the United States pursuant to Education Code Section 44335.
 - (2) The holder of a Single Subject Teaching Credential may obtain a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential by verifying all of the following requirements:
 - (A) subject matter knowledge in the requested area by completion of either the appropriate subject-matter examination(s) adopted by the Commission, or a Commission-approved subject-matter program,
 - (B) a course of three semester or four quarter units in subject matter pedagogy directly related to teaching in a self-contained setting,
 - (C) study of alternative methods of developing English language skills as described in Education Code Sections 44259(b)(4) and 44283. This requirement may be satisfied by either completion of coursework or by passage of the RICA at the level required for the Multiple Subject Teaching Credential, and
 - (D) demonstration of a knowledge of the principles and provisions of the Constitution of the United States pursuant to Education Code Section 44335.
 - (3) The holder of a Single Subject Teaching Credential may obtain a Single Subject Teaching Credential in an added authorization by one of the following methods.
 - (A) The holder of a Single Subject Teaching Credential may obtain a Single Subject Teaching Credential in an added authorization by verifying the requirements described in (A), (C), and (D) of (d)(1). It will be valid for five years from the original issuance date of the initial preliminary Single Subject Teaching Credential.
 - (B) The holder of a Single Subject Teaching Credential may obtain a Single Subject Teaching Credential in an added authorization by verifying subject matter knowledge described in (A) of (d)(1). It will be valid for two years from the original issuance date of the initial preliminary Single Subject Teaching Credential.

- (4) A grade of "C" or better, "Pass," or "Credit," must be earned in the coursework in the study of alternative methods of developing English language skills and the subject-matter pedagogy.
- (5) The applicant will be granted a 5-year preliminary multiple or single subject teaching authorization, with the exceptions described in (d)(3). Upon completion of all requirements for the professional clear credential as specified in Education Code, Section 44259(c), the qualified applicant may be granted a professional clear single or multiple subject teaching authorization.
- (e) A qualified applicant holding a valid teaching credential obtained prior to January 1, 1974, who has completed a fifth year program after earning a baccalaureate degree at a regionally accredited institution may obtain a clear multiple or single subject teaching authorization by verifying subject matter knowledge in the requested area. Subject matter knowledge can be verified by completion of either the appropriate subject-matter examination(s) adopted by the Commission, or a Commission-approved subject-matter program.
- (f) A qualified applicant holding a valid teaching credential obtained prior to January 1, 1974, but who has not yet completed a fifth year program after earning a baccalaureate degree at a regionally accredited institution, may obtain a preliminary multiple or single subject teaching authorization when the holder has verified subject matter knowledge in the requested area by completion of either the appropriate subject-matter examination(s) adopted by the Commission, or a Commission-approved subject-matter program. Upon completion of a fifth year program including the recommendation of a Commission-approved institution, the qualified applicant may be granted a clear multiple or single subject teaching authorization.
- (g) When a teacher is assigned outside his or her grade level or subject-matter authorization, opportunities for the teacher to have available transitional supervision or training shall be provided as deemed appropriate by the district or county superintendent.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 44225(q), Education Code. Reference: Section 44225(e) and 44259, Education Code.