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TO: All Individuals and Groups Interested in the Activities of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing	FROM: Dale A. Janssen Executive Director Commission on Teacher Credentialing
SUBJECT: Implementation of Senate Bill 751 Pertaining to Teachers Prepared Outside the United States	

Summary:

Senate Bill (SB) 751 (Chap.202, Stats. 2009) was signed by the Governor on October 11, 2009. The bill has one change concerning teacher certification which is effective January 1, 2010. The change allows teachers prepared outside the United States who earn a comparable elementary, secondary, or special education credential in another state or U.S. Territory to qualify as an out-of-state prepared teacher.

There is an additional provision in this bill concerning examination preparation programs but it is not within the jurisdiction of the Commission.

Key Provisions:

The change in SB 751 allows teachers prepared outside the United States who have earned a comparable elementary, secondary, or special education teaching credential in a state other than California or a U.S. Territory to apply for a California credential based on their out-of-state credential rather than meet the additional requirements for teachers prepared outside the United States. This clarification increases the pipeline of fully prepared teachers into California by eliminating redundant requirements and streamlining the credentialing process.

An individual must have earned a comparable, elementary, secondary, or special education teaching credential, as appropriate, in another state. A photocopy of the out-of-state document must be submitted with the application packet. In lieu of a photocopy of the out-of-state document, an original letter on official letterhead from an out-of-state education licensing agency that verifies an individual earned and was issued a teaching certificate is appropriate. The letter must include the following information: certification level, subject area(s), and period of validity.

If the out-of-state credential is in a subject area that does not correspond with an area that may be listed on a California credential, the candidate must have completed a degree major or 32 semester units of coursework in the California subject area. If the individual does not have a degree major or 32 semester units, subject-matter competence must be met by either completion of a Commission-approved subject-matter program at a California college or university or Commission-approved examinations as appropriate to the type of credential requested.

Complete information on the requirements for an elementary, secondary or special education credential based on an out-of-state teacher preparation program may be found in the information leaflets listed in the links in the References section.

Important Dates:

January 1, 2010 – Implementation date for provisions of SB 751

Background:

The Legislature and the Commission have worked together to reduce unnecessary barriers to a California credential for teachers coming from other states and other countries. SB 1209 (Chap 517, Stats 2006) contained provisions eliminating some preliminary credential requirements for out-of-state prepared credential candidates that were found to be duplicative to those of other states however its provisions were silent as to teachers who were originally prepared out-of-country.

Source:

Education Code §§44275.4 and 44401

References:

Single Subject Teaching Credential For Teachers Prepared Out-of-State Information

Leaflet: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl560.pdf>

Multiple Subject Teaching Credential For Teachers Prepared Out-of-State Information

Leaflet: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl561.pdf>

Education Specialist Teaching Credential For Teachers Prepared Out-of-State

Information Leaflet: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl808.pdf>

Single Subject Teaching Credential For Teachers Prepared Outside the United States

Information Leaflet: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl870.pdf>

Multiple Subject Teaching Credential For Teachers Prepared Outside the United States

Information Leaflet: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl871.pdf>

Education Specialist Teaching Credential For Teachers Prepared Outside the United

States Information Leaflet: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl872.pdf>

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