



CODED CORRESPONDENCE

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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: Expansion of Credentials Issued on the Basis of National Board Certification	

Summary:

Assembly Bill (AB) 239 (Chap.316, Stats. 2009) was signed by the Governor on October 11, 2009. The bill has two provisions both effective January 1, 2010. One of the provisions is the expansion of the types of credentials that may be issued on the basis of National Board Certification (NBC). The second provision of AB 239 regarding special education district intern programs was distributed in Coded Correspondence 10-02.

Key Provisions:

The change in statute authorizes the Commission to issue a clear teaching or services credential based on NBC in a qualifying California credential area. The focus is primarily for individuals who have earned their teaching or services credential in another state. Individuals applying under this route are exempt from the basic skills requirement and all other credential requirements except if a prerequisite credential is required.

One additional change requires the Commission to issue an authorization to provide instructional services to English learners based on NBC. Individuals holding the appropriate California prerequisite credential may add an English learner authorization to an existing credential (with the exception of life credential holders) or be issued a separate Crosscultural, Language, and Academic Development (CLAD) Certificate. Holders of life credentials may only be issued a separate CLAD Certificate.

In the review of current NBC certificates, the subject area of health science was added for the Single Subject Teaching Credential. See the References section for links to the information leaflets for all new NBC areas.

The chart on the top of page 3 displays the additional NBC areas included in AB 239 and the corresponding California certification that the applicant will receive. For the Career Technical Education (CTE) Teaching Credential, the subject area of the NBC must align with one of the fifteen industry sectors that are listed on the California CTE Teaching

Credential. The eight NBC cluster areas are listed on the chart at the bottom of page 3 along with the corresponding CTE industry sector.

Individuals may apply directly to the Commission by submitting a photocopy of National Board Certification; completed application (form 41-4), a completed LiveScan receipt (form 41-LS) if not previously submitted to the Commission; and appropriate application processing fee. The Pupil Personnel Services in School Counseling or Teacher Librarian Services Credentials are also available through the Commission's Online Direct Application process (<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/online-services/default.html>).

Important Dates:

January 1, 2010 – Implementation date for provisions of AB 239

Background:

The Commission has issued clear teaching credentials based on National Board Certification since 1999. Originally certification was limited to out-of-state prepared elementary and secondary teachers and was later expanded to include teachers who obtained NBC after their California preliminary teaching credential was issued. The National Board expanded their subject areas in 2001 which allowed special education teachers to also qualify for this option.

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards is an independent, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that works to advance teaching quality through standards for accomplished teaching and its voluntary National Board Certification program.

Source:

Education Code §§44253 and 44399

References:

Single Subject Credential Information Leaflet:

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

Crosscultural, Language, and Academic Development (CLAD) Certificates:

<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl628c.pdf>

Reading Certificate Information Leaflet:

<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl812.pdf>

Career Technical Education Credential:

<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl888.pdf>

Teacher Librarian Credential: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl562.pdf>

Pupil Personnel Credential Information Leaflet:

<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl606.pdf>

Contact Information:

Questions concerning requirements to earn a credential based on National Board Certification: Commission's Information Services Unit by telephone at 1-888-921-2682, Monday through Friday from 12:00 to 4:45 pm, or by email at credentials@ctc.ca.gov.

Questions concerning National Board Certification: <http://www.nbpts.org/>

National Board Certification	California Certification
Career and Technical Education * <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood 	Designated Subjects Teaching Credential in Career Technical Education *
English as a New Language <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early and Middle Childhood • Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood 	CLAD Certificate or English Learner Authorization
Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood 	Single Subject Teaching Credential in Health Science
Library Media <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Childhood through Young Adulthood 	Teacher Librarian Services Credential
Literacy : Reading – Language Arts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early and Middle Childhood 	Reading Certificate
School Counseling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Childhood through Young Adulthood 	Pupil Personnel Services Credential in School Counseling

* Candidates applying for NBC in Career and Technical Education must select one of the following eight specialty NBC areas that align with the industry sectors that may be listed on California's Career Technical Education Teaching Credential. See chart below.

NBC Career and Technical Education Specialty Areas	Corresponding Industry Sector(s) for CTE Credential
Agriculture and Environmental Sciences	Agriculture and Natural Resources
Arts and Communications	Arts, Media, and Entertainment
Business, Marketing, Information Management, and Entrepreneurship	Finance and Business Information Technology Marketing, Sales, and Services
Family and Consumer Sciences	Education, Child Development, and Family Services Fashion and Interior Design Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation
Health Services	Finance and Business Health Science and Medical Technology
Human Services	Education, Child Development, and Family Services Public Service
Manufacturing and Engineering Technology	Building Trades and Construction Energy and Utilities Engineering and Design Manufacturing and Product Development Transportation
Technology Education	Building Trades and Construction Manufacturing and Product Development Transportation