



CODED CORRESPONDENCE

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TO: All Individuals and Groups Interested in the Activities of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing	FROM: Mary Vixie Sandy Executive Director Commission on Teacher Credentialing
SUBJECT: Implementation of Senate Bill 941 Concerning Dually Certified Out-of-State General and Special Education Teachers	

Summary:

Senate Bill (SB) 941 (Chap. 348, Stats. 2011) was signed by the Governor on September 26, 2011. All changes became effective on January 1, 2012. The bill has three major provisions. This correspondence addresses the provision that allows the Commission to issue a Clear Multiple or Single Subject Credential to an out-of-state applicant who has earned a California Clear Education Specialist Credential and holds comparable certification in both general and special education from another state.

A separate correspondence concerning the National Board Certification provision in SB 941 is being distributed and may be found at [Implementation of Senate Bill 941 Concerning National Board Certification](#).

Key Provisions:

Individuals prepared out-of-state who have earned a California Clear Education Specialist Credential have completed a Commission-approved Clear Education Specialist Induction Program or the equivalent. This includes an out-of-state prepared individual who holds a Level II Education Specialist Credential or previously issued clear or life special education credential such as a Ryan Specialist Credential in Learning Handicapped or Standard Teaching Credential with a minor in Visually Handicapped.

If an individual also holds a comparable out-of-state general education teaching credential and meets the English learner requirement, the Commission may issue the individual a clear general education teaching credential. Some of the previous initially issued special education credentials did not require completion of the English learner requirement.

If an out-of-state-prepared educator holds a Preliminary or Level I Education Specialist Credential and a comparable out-of-state general education teaching credential and meets all other requirements, the Commission will issue a Preliminary Multiple or Single Subject Credential.

English Learner Requirement

If the individual has not completed the English learner requirement, the Commission will issue a preliminary general education teaching credential and the individual will need to complete the English learner requirement to earn the clear credential. The English learner requirement may be met by one of the following:

- 1) Hold a Crosscultural Language and Academic Development (CLAD) Certificate; an English Learner Authorization or Emphasis; Bilingual Crosscultural Language and Academic Development (BCLAD) Certificate; a BCLAD Added Authorization, Certificate or Emphasis; Clear Designated Subjects CTE Teaching Credential with Specially Designed Academic Instruction in English (SDAIE) authorization; SB 1969 Certificate of Completion, or a Certificate of Completion of Staff Development (CCSD);
- 2) Hold an equivalent out-of-state credential that authorizes instruction of English learners. Refer to [Coded Correspondence 07-03: Earning an Authorization Based on an Out-of-State English Learner Authorization](#) for specific details.

Additional information on the documents listed above may be found in the [Serving English Learners](#) Information Leaflet. English learner authorizations listed on teaching permits, intern credentials, or variable term waivers will not satisfy this requirement.

This option for out-of-state dually certified general and special education credential holders is available after an individual earns the Clear/Level II Education Specialist Credential or the individual may apply at the same time for both credentials. For the latter, two applications and processing fees will be required.

Application Processing

Refer to the [Multiple Subject Teaching Credential for Individuals Prepared Out-of-State](#), [Single Subject Teaching Credential for Individuals Prepared Out-of-State](#), and [Education Specialist Credential for Individuals Prepared Out-of-State](#) Information Leaflets for application procedures.

Important Date:

January 1, 2012 - Effective date of the provisions of SB 941

Background:

Prior to SB 941, out-of-state individuals dually certified for both general and special education who earned their clear California special education credential would be issued a preliminary general education teaching credential based on their out-of-state general education credential. No additional renewal requirements were needed for the clear general education teaching credential thus there was no reason to require the individual to hold a preliminary but rather be issued a clear general education teaching credential. Previously initially issued clear, Level II, and life special education credential holders based on an out-of-state special education certification have met the equivalent of the clear credential requirements for the provisions of this bill.

Source:

Education Code §§44274.2 and 44399.1

References:

Coded Correspondence 12-02: Implementation of Senate Bill 941 Concerning National Board Certification: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/notices/coded/2012/1202.pdf>

Multiple Subject Teaching Credential for Individuals Prepared Out-of-State Information Leaflet: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl561.pdf>

Single Subject Teaching Credential for Individuals Prepared Out-of-State Information Leaflet: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl560.pdf>

Education Specialist Credential for Individuals Prepared Out-of-State Information Leaflet: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl808.pdf>

Coded Correspondence 07-03: Earning an Authorization Based on an Out-of-State English Learner Authorization: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/notices/coded/0703/0703.pdf>

Serving English Learners Information Leaflet: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl622.pdf>

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