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SUBJECT: Approved Amendments to Title 5 Regulations Pertaining to the Period of Validity of Examinations for Certification

Summary:

Amendments to Title 5 sections 80015, 80015.1, and 80071 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) pertaining to the period of validity of examinations for certification were approved by the Office of Administrative Law and will become effective on April 1, 2017. The approved amendments will change the period examinations for certification are valid to be used toward obtaining a credential or other teaching or services authorizations from the present five years to ten years.

Key Provisions:

The approved amendments include the following changes:

- Extend the validity period of examination scores from five to ten years; and
- Provide a general cleanup of regulations, deleting references to examinations no longer administered for certification use and updating references to application processes found in regulations recently approved.

Background:

Education Code §44225(a)(1) allows the Commission to grant preliminary credentials to individuals who meet the credentialing requirements, including either passage of a subject matter examination or completion of a subject matter program:

“The preliminary teaching credential, to be granted upon possession of a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution in a subject other than professional education, completion of an accredited program of professional preparation, and either successful passage of an examination or assessment that has been adopted or approved by the commission in the subject

- training is to be verified by a letter signed by an authorized representative of the BTPP or county or district program.
- (C) Successful completion of the training in a language other than English given by the Peace Corps to volunteers preparing to serve in a non-English speaking country, verified by official Peace Corps documentation.
 - (D) Passage of Test II or III of the CSET: World Languages Examinations depending on the specific language as detailed in Section 80015.3(c)(3), verified by an official score report.
 - (E) Passage of any nationally administered, standardized examination in a language other than English for which the Commission has established a passing score, verified by an official score report.
 - (F) A proficiency level of “novice-high” or above on the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, Inc. (ACTFL) Proficiency Guidelines or “0+” (zero plus) or above on the Interagency Language Roundtable (ILR) Proficiency Descriptions, verified by an official score report.
 - (G) A score on a College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) examination in a language other than English administered by the College Board equal to or higher than the minimum score recommended by the American Council on Education for awarding credit for two semesters, verified by an official score report.
 - (H) Possession of a teaching credential from another state that authorizes instruction in a language other than English.
 - (I) Residence in a non-English speaking country or countries for twelve consecutive months at age 18 or older, verified by passports, work visas, letters from employers, or other documents.
 - (J) Successful completion of one academic year (over a single period) at age 14 or above at a school in which all instruction, except in the subject area of English, was delivered in a language other than English, verified by an official transcript or a letter from the school.
 - (K) Successful completion of two academic years between the ages of 10 and 14, inclusive, at a school in which all instruction, except in the subject area of English, was delivered in a language other than English, verified by an official transcript or a letter from the school.
 - (L) Initial arrival at age 12 or older in the United States after having spent the years from birth to age 12 in a non-English speaking country or countries, verified by a birth certificate, passport, entry visas, or other documents.
 - (M) Successful completion of three years of course work in a language other than English in grades seven through 12 in a public or private school with an average grade of B or better, verified by an official transcript or a letter from the school.



- (b) By examination: The requirements for earning a CLAD Certificate or English learner authorization by examination include all of the following:
- (1) Possession of a valid credential or permit as specified in Section 80015.2(a).
 - (2) Experience learning a second language as specified in Section 80015(a)(2).
 - (3) Passage of Tests 1, 2, and 3 of the CTEL Examinations described in Section 80015.3. Each passing score used to qualify for a CLAD Certificate or English learner authorization shall have the same period of validity for certification examinations as specified in §80071(b).
 - (4) Submission of a complete application packet as specified in Section 80002 and fee(s) as specified in Section 80487(a)(1).
- (c) By converting a Language Development Specialist Certificate: Converting a Language Development Specialist Certificate to a CLAD Certificate or English learner authorization is not required. Unless used to apply for a CLAD Certificate or English learner authorization, a Language Development Specialist Certificate shall remain valid as long as the holder's prerequisite credential or permit remains valid. The Language Development Specialist Certificate authorizes the same services as the CLAD Certificate or English learner authorization as specified in Section 80015.2(b) and may be used in conjunction with any valid prerequisite credential or permit per Section 80015.2(d). The requirements for earning a CLAD Certificate or English learner authorization by converting a Language Development Specialist Certificate is submission of a complete application packet as specified in Section 80002 and fee as specified in Section 80487(a)(1).
- (d) By converting a CLAD Certificate: Converting a CLAD Certificate to an English learner authorization is not required. Unless used to apply for an English learner authorization, a CLAD Certificate shall remain valid as long as the holder's prerequisite credential or permit remains valid. The CLAD Certificate authorizes the same services as the English learner authorization as specified in Section 80015.2(b) and may be used in conjunction with any valid prerequisite credential or permit per Section 80015.2(d). The requirement for earning an English learner authorization by converting a CLAD Certificate is submission of a complete application as specified in Section 80002 and fee(s) as specified in Section 80487(a)(1).
- (e) The provisions in Sections 80015(a)(3) and 80015(b)(3) may be combined toward the issuance of a CLAD Certificate or English learner authorization as determined by a Commission-approved CTEL program accredited by the Committee on Accreditation as provided in Education Code §44373(c) and verified by the program as provided in §44227(b).

Note: Authority cited: Sections 44253.9 and 44225(q), Education Code. Reference: Sections 44227(b), 44253.3, 44253.6, 44253.10, 44253.11, 44225(b), 44225(d) and 44373(c), Education Code.

§80015.1. Requirements for the Bilingual Authorization.

A bilingual authorization can be earned in one of the following ways:



- (3) Submission of a complete application packet as specified in Section 80002 and fee(s) as specified in Section 80487(a)(1).

- (c) By converting a Bilingual Certificate of Competence or BCLAD Certificate: Converting a Bilingual Certificate of Competence or a BCLAD Certificate to a bilingual authorization is not required. Unless used to apply for a bilingual authorization, a Bilingual Certificate of Competence or BCLAD Certificate shall remain valid as long as the holder's prerequisite credential or permit remains valid. The Bilingual Certificate of Competence and BCLAD Certificate authorizes the same services as the bilingual authorization as specified in Section 80015.2(c) and may be used in conjunction with any valid prerequisite credential or permit per Section 80015.2(d). The requirement for earning a bilingual authorization by converting a Bilingual Certificate or BCLAD Certificate is submission of a complete application packet as specified in Section 80002 and fee as specified in Section 80487(a)(1).

- (d) The provisions in Sections 80015.1(a)(2) and 80015.1(b)(2) may be combined toward the issuance of a bilingual authorization as determined by a Commission approved bilingual authorization program accredited by the Committee on Accreditation as provided in Education Code § 44373(c) and verified by the program as provided in Education Code § 44227(b).

Note: Authority cited: Sections 44253.9 and 44225(q), Education Code. Reference: Sections 44227(b), 44253.4, 44253.6, 44225(b), 44225(d) and 44373(c), Education Code.

§80071. Qualification by Examination for Issuance of Credential.

- (a) Every applicant who seeks to satisfy a credential, certificate, permit, or waiver requirement by examination must meet the passing score requirement(s) established by the Commission that were in effect at the time the examination was taken. A list of the adopted examinations and passing score requirements will be made available upon request to the Commission.

- (b) For each examination score used to satisfy a requirement for the issuance of a credential, certificate, permit, or waiver, there can be no more than ten years between (1) the date the score was earned and (2) the issuance date of the credential, certificate, permit, or waiver for which the examination score is used.

- (c) For purposes of this section, the Video Performance Assessment of the Reading Instruction Competence Assessment, described in Education Code §44283, is considered an examination.

- (d) Once an examination score has been used to satisfy a California certification requirement, it may be used to satisfy a requirement of another certification document regardless of the ten-year limit described in subsection (b) if the score satisfies the passing score requirement for the new document.

- (e) The ten-year limit described in subsection (b) shall not apply to scores on examinations used to 1) verify knowledge of the Constitution of the United States, as specified in Education Code §44335; 2) grant credit by an institution of higher education; or 3) verify experience learning a second language required for the Crosscultural, Language and Academic



Development Certificate, as specified in Section 80015 of the Title 5 Regulations. The ten-year limit on scores described in subsection (b) shall not apply to any examination that is exempt from this requirement by statute or regulation. The ten-year limit on scores described in subsection (b) shall not apply to any examination that was discontinued for certification use and no longer administered prior to January 1, 2017.

Note: Authority cited: Section 44225(q), Education Code. Reference: Sections 44225(d), 44252, 44253.3, 44280, 44283, 44289 and 44335, Education Code.

