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SUBJECT: Approved Amendments to Title 5 Regulations Pertaining to the Reauthorization of Elementary Subject Matter Programs to Meet the Subject Matter Requirement for Teaching Credentials

Summary:

Amendments to Title 5 sections 80048.8, 80413, and 80499 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) pertaining to the Reauthorization of Elementary Subject Matter Programs to meet the Subject Matter Requirement for Teaching Credentials were approved by the Office of Administrative Law and will become effective on April 1, 2017. The approved amendments will:

- Allow individuals enrolled in Preliminary Multiple Subject or Education Specialist Instruction Credential programs to complete an elementary subject matter program to meet subject matter requirements; and
- Allow Single Subject Credential holders the option to complete an elementary subject matter program to demonstrate subject matter competence when seeking a Multiple Subject Credential under the provisions of 5 CCR §80499.

Key Provisions:

The approved amendments will:

- Reauthorize the use of Commission-approved elementary subject matter programs as a means for educators to demonstrate subject matter competence when seeking a credential.
- Address the current difference between credential requirements, which allows the use of subject matter programs in single subject areas to meet the subject matter requirement for credentialing but excludes the use of elementary subject matter programs for this same purpose.

Important Dates:

April 1, 2017 – The reauthorization of elementary subject matter programs to meet the subject matter requirement for Multiple Subject Credentials and Education Specialist Instruction Credentials goes into effect.

**CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS
TITLE 5. EDUCATION
DIVISION 8. COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING**

§ 80048.8. Specific Requirements for the Preliminary Education Specialist Instruction Credential.

(a) The minimum requirements for the five-year preliminary Education Specialist Instruction Credential includes (1) through (10):

- (1) a baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education;
- (2) the completion of a Commission-approved preliminary Education Specialist program of professional preparation, as appropriate to the specialty area(s) sought; as provided in Education Code Section 44373(c).
- (3) meet the basic skills requirement as described in Education Code Section 44252, unless exempt by statute;
- (4) subject-matter knowledge by one of the following:
 - (A) passage of examination(s) as provided in Education Code Sections 44280, 44281, and 44282 as appropriate for the multiple subject credential, or for the single subject credential in the areas of art, English, foreign language, mathematics including foundational-level mathematics, music, social science, or science including foundational-level general science and specialized science; or
 - (B) by completion of a subject matter program as provided in Education Code Section 44310 as appropriate for the multiple subject credential, or for the single subject credential in the areas of art, English, foreign language, mathematics including foundational-level mathematics, music, social science, or science including foundational-level general science and specialized science.
 - (C) holders of a California clear, professional clear, preliminary, Level I, or life teaching credential requiring a baccalaureate or higher degree, verification of subject-matter competence, and a program of professional preparation, including student teaching, are exempt from the subject matter knowledge requirement.
 - (D) candidates for the education specialist credential in Early Childhood Special Education are exempt from the subject matter knowledge requirement.
- (5) demonstration of the study of alternative methods of developing English language skills, including the study of reading, as described in Education Code Section 44259(b)(4) and passage of the reading instruction competence assessment as provided in Education Code



Section 44283;

- (6) knowledge of the Constitution of the United States, as specified in Education Code Section 44335;
 - (7) completion of the study of health education, as described in Education Code Section 44259(c)(4)(A);
 - (8) completion of the study of computer based technology, including the uses of technology in educational settings, as described in Education Code Section 44259(c)(4)(C);
 - (9) completion of the study of English learners as described in Education Code Section 44259.5(c); and
 - (10) The preliminary Education Specialist preparation program must develop a Transition Plan for each candidate prior to the completion of the preliminary program that will assist the developers of the Individualized Induction Plan (IIP).
- (b) Period of Validity.
- (1) A preliminary Education Specialist Instruction Credential issued on the basis of the completion of the requirements in subsection (a) is valid for five years.
- (c) Definition.
- (1) "Transition Plan": The preliminary education specialist preparation program will develop a Transition Plan for each candidate prior to the completion of the preliminary program that will assist the developers of the IIP defined in Section 80048.8.1(d)(1). The Plan includes the individual's strengths and areas of need that can be addressed in the clear credential preparation program. The Plan facilitates the individual's transition from initial teacher preparation to a clear education specialist credential preparation program by building upon and providing opportunities for demonstration and application of the pedagogical knowledge and skills acquired in the preliminary credential preparation program.

Note: Authority cited: Section 44225(q), Education Code. Reference: Sections 44227(a), 44251, 44252, 44259, 44259.5, 44265, 44274.2, 44280, 44281, 44283, 44310, 44335 and 44373, Education Code.

§80413. Specific Requirements for Preliminary and Clear Multiple and Single Subject Teaching Credentials for Applicants Prepared in California.

- (a) The minimum requirements for the five-year preliminary multiple and single subject teaching credentials for California-prepared applicants shall include successful completion of all of the following:
 - (1) A baccalaureate degree or higher degree, except in professional education, from a regionally accredited institution of higher education.
 - (2) Meet the basic skills requirement as described in Education Code Section 44252, unless exempt by statutes or regulations.



- (3) A Commission-approved multiple subject or single subject program of professional preparation, as appropriate to the credential sought as described in Education Code Section 44259(b)(3).
 - (4) Completion of a study of alternative methods of developing English language skills, including the study of reading, as provided in Education Code Section 44259(b)(4). In addition multiple subject applicants shall pass the reading instruction competence assessment as provided in Education Code Section 44283.
 - (5) Subject-matter knowledge:
 - (A) For a multiple subject credential, an applicant enrolled in a teacher preparation program shall meet this requirement either by passage of an examination as provided in Education Code Sections 44280, 44281, and 44282 or by completion of a subject-matter program as provided in Education Code Section 44310.
 - (B) For a single subject credential, an applicant shall meet this requirement either by passage of an examination as provided in Education Code Sections 44280, 44281, and 44282 or by completion of a subject-matter program as provided in Education Code Section 44310.
 - (6) Demonstration of knowledge of the Constitution of the United States as provided in Education Code Section 44335.
 - (7) Demonstration of basic competency in the use of computers in the classroom as provided in Education Code Section 44259(b)(7).
 - (8) Verification of completion from a Commission-approved program accredited by the Committee on Accreditation in the preliminary credential sought, as provided in Education Code Sections 44373(c) and 44259(b)(3).
- (b) The minimum requirements for the clear multiple or single subject teaching credentials must be completed within five years from the initial date of the issuance of the preliminary credential. The requirements include, successful completion of all of the following:
- (1) Possession of a valid preliminary teaching credential.
 - (2) Effective August 30, 2004, completion of a Commission-approved program of beginning teacher induction as specified in Education Code Section 44259(c)(2). If a beginning teacher is eligible for induction but an employing agency verifies that induction is not available or the employing agency verifies that the beginning teacher is required under the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (20 U.S.C. Sec. 6301 et seq.) to complete subject matter course work to be qualified for a teaching assignment, the beginning teacher may complete a Commission-accredited fifth year program.
 - (3) A health education requirement, as provided in Education Code Section 44259(c)(4)(A).
 - (4) Special education training, as provided in Education Code Section 44259(c)(4)(B).
 - (5) Study of advanced computer-based technology, including the uses of technology in



(B) A signed statement by the individual which includes:

- (i) Why the clear credential program was not completed in the five years while the preliminary credential was valid and a description of the plan to complete the requirements within the three year extension time period, and
- (ii) Certification that he or she was not employed in a position for which the clear credential program was available or was employed for less than one school year and was not able to complete the clear credential program.

(f) Definitions:

(1) The term “employing agency” as used in this section shall mean:

- (A) Public school districts in California.
- (B) County offices of education or county superintendents of schools in California.
- (C) Schools that operate under the direction of a California state agency.
- (D) Nonpublic, nonsectarian schools and agencies as defined in Education Code Sections 56365 and 56366.
- (E) Charter Schools as established in Education Code Section 47600.
- (F) Private schools.
- (G) Juvenile court school.
- (H) Juvenile or adult corrections.

(2) A beginning teacher is one who is eligible to participate in a Commission-approved induction program.

(3) The “clear credential program” as used in this section shall mean either completion of a Commission-approved induction program or Commission-accredited fifth year of study.

Note: Authority cited: Section 44225, Education Code. Reference: Sections 44227, 44251, 44252, 44259, 44259.5, 44280, 44281, 44282, 44283, 44310, 44335 and 44373, Education Code.

§80499. Adding a Teaching or Content Area to a Multiple or Single Subject Credential or Previously Issued Credential.

(a) A qualified applicant who holds a teaching credential as described in (b) and desires an additional teaching or content area may apply for the authorization directly to the Commission pursuant to (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), or (i) 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 Section 44203(e)(1) only. The “holder of a valid credential” is defined as an individual who possesses the appropriate basic teaching credential that has not yet expired.



- (c) A qualified applicant holding a valid clear or life Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credential may obtain an additional teaching or content area when the holder has verified successful completion of (1), (2), or (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 passage of the appropriate subject-matter examination(s) adopted by the Commission or completion of 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 in the content area to be listed on the Single Subject Teaching Credential. Pedagogy courses completed in California shall be accepted only if the institution has a Commission-approved preparation program for the content area sought. Commission-approved preparation programs may grant equivalency for pedagogy coursework completed at their institution. A pedagogy course completed in another state shall be accepted only from a regionally-accredited institution with a professional teacher preparation program, and
 - (C) possession of a California English Learner Authorization as defined in subsection (j).
- (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 passage of the appropriate subject-matter examination(s) adopted by the Commission or completion of 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. Pedagogy courses completed in California shall be accepted only if the institution has a Commission-approved Multiple Subject preparation program. A pedagogy course completed in another state shall be accepted from only a regionally-accredited institution with a professional teacher preparation program,
 - (C) study of alternative methods of developing English language skills as described in Education Code Sections 44259(b)(4) and 44283. This requirement shall be satisfied by completion of coursework at the level required for the Multiple Subject Teaching Credential and by passage of the Reading Instruction Competence Assessment (RICA), and
 - (D) possession of a California English Learner Authorization as defined in subsection (j).
 - (E) Individuals holding any of the following documents shall be exempt from the requirements of subsection (c)(2)(C):
 - (i) Reading and Literacy Leadership Specialist Credential,
 - (ii) Reading and Literacy Added Authorization,



related to teaching in a departmentalized setting in the content area to be listed on the Single Subject Teaching Credential. Pedagogy courses completed in California shall be accepted only if the institution has a Commission-approved preparation program for the content area sought. Commission-approved preparation programs may grant equivalency for pedagogy coursework completed at their institution. A pedagogy course completed in another state shall be accepted only from a regionally-accredited institution with a professional teacher preparation program,

- (C) study of alternative methods of developing English language skills, as described in Education Code Section 44259(b)(4),
 - (D) demonstration of a knowledge of the principles and provisions of the Constitution of the United States pursuant to Education Code Section 44335, and
 - (E) possession of a California English Learner Authorization as defined in subsection (j).
- (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 passage of the appropriate subject-matter examination(s) adopted by the Commission or completion of 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. Pedagogy courses completed in California shall be accepted only if the institution has a Commission-approved Multiple Subject preparation program. A pedagogy course completed in another state shall be accepted only from a regionally-accredited institution with a professional teacher preparation program,
 - (C) study of alternative methods of developing English language skills as described in Education Code Sections 44259(b)(4) and 44283. This requirement shall be satisfied by completion of coursework at the level required for the Multiple Subject Teaching Credential and by passage of the RICA,
 - (D) demonstration of a knowledge of the principles and provisions of the Constitution of the United States pursuant to Education Code Section 44335, and
 - (E) possession of a California English Learner Authorization as defined in subsection (j).
- (3) The holder of a Single Subject Teaching Credential may obtain a Single Subject Teaching Credential in an added content area that will be valid for five years from the original issuance date of the initial preliminary Single Subject Teaching Credential by verifying all of the following requirements:
- (A) Subject matter knowledge in the requested area by passage of the appropriate subject-matter examination(s) adopted by the Commission or completion of a Commission-approved subject matter program,
 - (B) A course of three semester or four quarter units in subject matter pedagogy directly



- (B) subject matter knowledge in the requested area by passage of the appropriate subject matter examination(s) adopted by the Commission pursuant to Education Code 44399.1(b).
 - (3) The holder of a Single Subject Teaching Credential may obtain a Single Subject Teaching Credential in an added content area that will be valid for five years from the original issuance date of the initial preliminary Single Subject Teaching Credential by verifying possession of National Board Certification in a subject area in a departmentalized content area that is comparable to a content area specified in Education Code Section 44257.
 - (4) Upon completion of all requirements for the clear credential, as specified in section 80413(b), 80413.3(a)(2), or 80413.3(b)(2) as applicable, the qualified applicant may be granted a clear Single or Multiple Subject Teaching Credential or content area.
- (i) A qualified applicant holding a valid clear or life Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credential may obtain an additional teaching or content area on the basis of an out-of-state credential by verifying (1), (2), or (3) below:
- (1) The holder of a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential may obtain a clear Single Subject Teaching Credential by verifying possession of both of the following:
 - (A) a professional level teaching credential issued by another state or U.S. Territory with a departmentalized classroom teaching authorization that is comparable to an authorization specified in Education Code Section 44257, and
 - (B) a California English Learner Authorization as defined in subsection (j).
 - (2) The holder of a Single Subject Teaching Credential may obtain a clear Multiple Subject Teaching Credential by verifying possession of both of the following:
 - (A) a professional level teaching credential issued by another state or U.S. Territory with an elementary education or self-contained classroom teaching authorization, and
 - (B) a California English Learner Authorization as defined in subsection (j).
 - (3) The holder of a Single Subject Teaching Credential may obtain a clear Single Subject Teaching Credential in an additional content area by verifying possession of both of the following:
 - (A) a professional level teaching credential issued by another state or U.S. Territory with a departmentalized classroom teaching authorization that is comparable to an authorization specified in Education Code Section 44257, and
 - (B) a California English Learner Authorization as defined in subsection (j).
- (j) For the purposes of this section, California English Learner Authorization is defined as any of the following:
- (1) English learner authorization listed on a previously issued multiple subject, single subject, or education specialist instruction credential;
 - (2) BCLAD Emphasis listed on a previously issued multiple subject or single subject credential;



- (3) BCLAD Certificate;
- (4) English learner authorization or CLAD Certificate issued pursuant to section 80015;
- (5) Bilingual authorization issued pursuant to section 80015.1;
- (6) Bilingual Crosscultural Specialist Credential;
- (7) Language Development Specialist Certificate;
- (8) Bilingual Certificate of Competence;
- (9) Single Subject Teaching Credential in World Language: English Language Development as specified in section 80004(e); or
- (10) Certificate of Completion of Staff Development issued pursuant to Education Code section 44253.10.

Note: Authority cited: Section 44225(q), Education Code. Reference: Sections 44225(e), 44253.3, 44253.10, 44257, 44259, 44259.5, 44265, 44274.2 and 44399.1, Education Code.

