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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.

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



- educational settings, as provided in Education Code Section 44259(c)(4)(C).
- (6) Effective July 1, 2005 advanced study in the area of Teaching English Learners.
 - (7) An application for a clear multiple subject or single subject credential shall only be submitted by either (A) or (B) below:
 - (A) A Commission-approved induction program; or
 - (B) A regionally accredited institution of higher education with a Commission-accredited fifth year.
- (c) All applicants for multiple subject and single subject clear credentials issued pursuant to Education Code Section 44259(c) with an issuance date on or after August 30, 2004 shall complete the requirements in subsection (b)(2) above.
- (d) The Commission may extend the term of the credential for a two-year period if the following conditions apply:
- (1) An individual's five-year preliminary time period has expired or will expire within one calendar year and the individual obtains employment in an employing agency as defined in subsection (f) which would allow the individual to complete the requirements in subsection (b).
 - (2) The individual submits the following to the Commission:
 - (A) A completed Application for Credential Authorizing Public School Service (41-4) together with its related Instruction and Information Sheet and Form OA-EF, as specified in Section 80001, and the appropriate fee as specified in section 80487(a)(1).
 - (B) Verification of employment from an employing agency in a position that allows the individual to complete the clear credential program.
 - (C) Verification of enrollment in a Commission-approved clear credential program.
 - (3) The extension may be issued only once, except in cases where the individual provides proof that verifies sufficient progress toward completion of the requirements.
- (e) The Commission may extend one time the term of the credential for a three-year period if the following conditions apply:
- (1) An individual's five-year preliminary time period has expired or will expire within one calendar year and the individual has not been employed in a position which would allow completion of the requirements in subsection (b).
 - (2) The individual submits the following to the Commission:
 - (A) A completed Application for Credential Authorizing Public School Service (41-4), together with its related Instruction and Information Sheet and Form OA-EF, as specified in Section 80001, and the appropriate fee as specified in section 80487(a)(1).



(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.



- (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.

