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All Individuals and Groups Interested in the Activities
of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing

FROM:

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SUBJECT: Assembly Bill 2285

Summary:

Assembly Bill (AB) 2285 (Chap. 143, Stats. 2018) was signed by the Governor on July 20, 2018. All changes became effective on January 1, 2019. This bill addresses requirements for out-of-state prepared teachers seeking to obtain a clear teaching credential. The changes effected by this bill include:

- 1) Elimination of the requirement to verify completion of either a master's degree (or 30 post baccalaureate semester units) or 150 clock hours of professional activities as a condition for an out-of-state applicant with at least two years of out-of-state teaching experience to be issued a clear Multiple Subject, Single Subject, or Education Specialist teaching credential; and
- 2) Amends the current English Learner Authorization (ELA) requirement to allow an out-of-state prepared teacher, who has earned a limited ELA in a California teacher preparation program for a new credential type (authorization codes ELAS, ELAM, or ELAE), to use the limited ELA toward that renewal requirement if listed on the initial preliminary credential.

Key Provisions:

Individuals prepared out-of-state who are issued a Multiple Subject, Single Subject, or Education Specialist Credential based on verification of two or more years of full-time teaching experience in a state other than California have been required to meet the professional level requirement for the clear credential. Individuals could meet this requirement by obtaining a master's degree or higher, or the equivalent semester units (30 or more semester units of post baccalaureate coursework) related to the area of the credential, or complete 150 hours of professional activities that contribute to his or her competence, performance, and effectiveness in the education profession, based on the California Standards for the Teaching Profession (CSTP).

AB 2285 amended Education Code §44274.2 so that effective January 1, 2019, individuals no longer need to verify completion of this requirement to qualify for the clear credential. Individuals previously issued preliminary and Level I credentials with the “RS2” renewal code may ignore this requirement effective January 1, 2019.

Individuals prepared out-of-state who are issued a Multiple Subject, Single Subject, or Education Specialist Credential must hold or earn a California English Learner Authorization (ELA) to qualify for the clear credential. Previously, to meet the ELA requirement, an educator would have to earn a broad ELA (authorization code ELA1) or CLAD Certificate that would authorize providing designated/departmentalized instruction in English language development (ELD). If the out-of-state prepared educator later completed a California teacher preparation program to earn a second credential, the ELA earned through that program would not meet this requirement, as the limited authorizations (ELAM, ELAS, and ELAE) earned do not authorize designated/departmentalized ELD instruction (see [Coded Correspondence 14-01](#)).

AB 2285 includes language that amends the ELA requirement. Effective January 1, 2019, if an out-of-state prepared teacher completes a California preparation program to earn a new credential type that includes the limited ELA, this limited ELA can now be used to clear the ELA renewal requirement (renewal code REL) if listed on the educator’s initial credential. The renewed credential would be issued with an equivalent limited ELA.

Important Date:

January 1, 2019 - Effective date of the provisions of AB 2285

Background:

To earn the California clear teaching credential, holders of Multiple Subject, Single Subject, or Education Specialist teaching credentials based on out-of-state preparation were required to verify completion of 150 clock hours of activities that contribute to his or her competence, performance, and effectiveness in the education profession, or that he or she has earned a master’s degree or higher in a field related to the credential, or the equivalent semester units, from a regionally accredited institution of higher education.

AB 2285 eliminates that requirement as a condition for an out-of-state applicant to be issued a clear Multiple Subject, Single Subject, or Education Specialist teaching credential.

This bill also amends the English Learner Authorization (ELA) requirement for out-of-state prepared teachers by allowing the limited ELA earned through completion of a California preparation program to meet the ELA renewal requirement for an out-of-state applicant to be issued a clear Multiple Subject, Single Subject, or Education Specialist teaching credential.

Source:

Education Code §44274.2



References:

Single Subject Credential Requirements for Individuals Prepared Out-of-State (CL-560):
<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl560.pdf>

Multiple Subject Teaching Credential Requirements for Individuals Prepared Out-of-State (CL-561): <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl561.pdf>

Education Specialist Instruction Credential Requirements for Individuals Prepared Out-of-State (CL-808): <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl808.pdf>

Serving English Learners (CL-622): <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl622.pdf>

Coded Correspondence 14-01 - Approval of Amendments to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations Pertaining to the World Language: English Language Development Content Area Authorization and the English Learner Authorizations for California Prepared Teachers:
<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/docs/default-source/commission/coded/2014/1401.pdf?sfvrsn=0>

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