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TO:

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

FROM:

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Commission on Teacher Credentialing

**SUBJECT: Proposed Amendments to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations Pertaining to
Determination of Subject Matter Competency**

Summary

The Commission on Teacher Credentialing (Commission) proposes amendments to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) §80096, Determination of Subject Matter Competency to further clarify the statutory changes made by the enactment of AB 130 (Chap. 44, Stats. 2021). These regulations would specify that coursework used to demonstrate a candidate's subject matter must be non-remedial and completed at a regionally accredited institution of higher education with a grade of C or higher. The regulations would also clarify which majors are in one of the single subject areas in which the Commission credentials candidates and identify additional academic degree majors that include coursework in the content areas pursuant to subdivision (b) of Education Code section 44282.

Notice of Public Hearing and 15-Day Notice is Hereby Given

The Commission on Teacher Credentialing (Commission) proposes to take regulatory action after considering all comments, objections, and recommendations regarding the proposed action.

A public hearing on the proposed actions will be held at the Commission Office and via teleconference. The public may attend the public hearing in-person or participate remotely through Zoom webcast or U.S. Toll-Free phone number on the following date:

April 21, 2023

8:30 a.m.

Commission on Teacher Credentialing

1900 Capitol Avenue

Sacramento, California 95811

Zoom Webcast: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89139782521>

US Toll-Free: 1-877-853-5257 or 1-888-475-4499 (Meeting ID number 89139782521)

Written Comment Period

Any interested person, or his or her authorized representative, may submit written comments relevant to the proposed action by fax, through the mail, or by email. The written comment period closes at 5:00 p.m. on April 20, 2023. Comments must be received by that time or may be submitted at the public hearing. Interested parties may fax their response to (916) 327-3165; write to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, Attn: David DeGuire, Commission on Teacher Credentialing, 1900 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, California 95811, or submit an email to David DeGuire (david.deguire@ctc.ca.gov) or Lynette Roby (Lynette.robby@ctc.ca.gov).

Any written comments received prior to the public hearing will be reproduced by the Commission's staff for each member of the Commission as a courtesy to the person submitting the comments and will be included in the written agenda prepared for and presented to the full Commission at the hearing.

The Commission on Teacher Credentialing has illustrated changes to the original text in the following manner: text originally proposed to be added is underlined; text proposed to be deleted is displayed in ~~strikeout~~. Text proposed to be amended in this 15-day notice is shown in double underline for additions and ~~double strike-out~~ for deletions.

CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS
TITLE 5. EDUCATION
DIVISION 8. COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING
CHAPTER 1. Credential Issued Under the Teacher Preparation and Licensing Law of 1970
Article 3. Examinations and Subject Matter

§80096. Determination of Subject Matter Competency

(a) When reviewing official transcripts for subject matter competency under sections 44259(b)(5)(A)(iii) and (v) of the Education Code, acceptable coursework shall be defined as meeting all of the following:

(1) Coursework earned with a grade of "C" or higher. Courses earned with "Pass," "Credit," or another designation deemed by the institution of higher education to be equivalent to a grade "C" or higher is also acceptable.

(2) Coursework that is degree-applicable to an Associate or higher degree and credit bearing. Remedial coursework is not acceptable.

(3) Coursework that was completed at a regionally accredited institution of higher education.

~~(4) Upper division or graduate coursework that exceeds one or more subject matter domain, if the course content requires existing knowledge of the subject matter domain.~~

(b) When reviewing official transcripts for subject matter competency for a Single Subject Credential under section 44259(b)(5)(A)(iv)(I) of the Education Code, a major in one of the subject areas in which the commission credentials candidates shall mean that the name of the credential is in the name of the major or degree, ~~or and~~ the following:

(1) For the single subject area World Language: English Language Development, a major in ~~English Language Development (ELD), Teaching English to Speakers of Another Other Languages (TESOL), or Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL), or a similar major.~~

(2) For the single subject area of Home Economics, a major in family and consumer science.

(3) For the single subject area of Mathematics, a major in statistics.

(4) For the single subject area of Science: Biological Science credential, a major in biology, biological engineering, or biochemistry.

(5) For the single subject area of Science: Chemistry ~~credential~~, a major in chemical engineering or biochemistry.

(6) For the single subject area of Science: Geoscience ~~credential~~, a major in geology or earth science.

(7) For the single subject area of Science: Physics ~~credential~~, a major in mechanical or structural engineering.

(8) For the single subject area of Science: Foundational-Level Science ~~credential~~, a major in any type of engineering or any degree major offered by a college or university science department.

~~(9) For the single subject area of Social Sciences, a major in history, ethnic studies, or any other major with a focus on the study of one or more related ethnicities.~~

(c) When reviewing official transcripts for subject matter competency for a Multiple Subject Credential under section 44259(b)(5)(A)(iv)(II) of the Education Code, a liberal studies major shall mean any of the following:

(1) Liberal Studies

(2) Liberal Arts

(3) Elementary Education

(d) When reviewing official transcripts for subject matter competency for a Multiple Subject Credential under section 44259(b)(5)(A)(iv)(II) of the Education Code for any other degree that includes coursework in the content areas pursuant to subdivision (b) of section 44282 of the Education Code, such coursework must meet the criteria set forth in subsections (a)(1), (a)(2), and (a)(3) above.

(e) When reviewing official transcripts for an Early Childhood Education Specialist Credential under section 44265(a) of the Education Code, subject matter competency may be demonstrated by a major in Child Development, Child and Adolescent Development, Human Development, or Early Childhood Education, ~~or a similar major.~~

Note: Authority cited: Section 44225, Education Code.