



Other Standardized Assessments (CSET, RICA, etc.)

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- Q1. Does the CSET deferral ONLY apply to candidates who have not attempted all CSETs or may a candidate who attempted all CSETs but did not pass one or more subtests also get a deferral?**
- A1. There is no CSET deferral—there is a temporary waiving of the Precondition requirement for a candidate to meet subject matter prior to beginning student teaching. In April, the Commission took action to waive the Precondition that requires a candidate meet the subject matter requirement prior to beginning daily whole class instruction. The only deferral is for the Basic Skills requirement.
- Q2. What can programs do if they feel like a student is not ready to student teach 20-21 AY without having passed CBEST and/or CSET?**
- A2. This is a local program decision. If a candidate is not ready to begin clinical practice then the program will need to remediate in whatever fashion is appropriate. Program standards require the program to monitor and assist candidates in their mastery of the TPEs.
- Q3. We have a student seeking an Education Specialist credential who is going to be moving out of state, but has not yet completed her RICA. Any ideas for how to deal with that scenario?**
- A3. Executive Order N-66-20 released on May 29, 2020 and SB 820 (Committee of Budget and Fiscal Review) signed on September 18 suspend the RICA requirement and allows this individual to be recommended for a Preliminary credential. The individual must pass the RICA prior to being recommended for the Clear credential.

Q4. Can student teaching/residency programs consider Cooperating Teachers for 2020-21 who have 3+ years of teaching experience but do not yet have a Clear credential, if what they need for their Clear credential is an exam (like CTEL) that they have not been able to take due to COVID closures?

A4. The program standards require the cooperating teachers to hold a clear credential.

Q5. Is there a bill proposing that the BSR requirement could be satisfied by college level courses?

A5. There was a bill, AB 1982, however it did not pass in the 2019-20 legislative session. It may be reintroduced next year.

Q6. Is there a bill proposed for CSET requirements being satisfied by college level courses?

A6. There was a bill, AB 2485, however it did not pass in the 2019-20 legislative session. It may be reintroduced next year.