



# Credential Information Alert

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**10-14**

**SUBJECT: Application Process for English Learner and Bilingual Authorizations based on the Provisions of Assembly Bill 1871**

## **Summary:**

This Credential Information Alert provides information regarding the application processes for English learner and bilingual authorizations based on the provisions of Assembly Bill (AB) 1871 (Chap. 660, Stats. 2008). English learner and bilingual authorizations are new terminology for specific document types and authorizations including Crosscultural, Language and Academic Development (CLAD) and Bilingual Crosscultural, Language and Academic Development (BCLAD) certificates or emphases, and SB 2042 or AB 1059 authorizations.

## **Key Provisions:**

Below are changes that occurred in the implementation of AB1871 for the issuance of English learner and bilingual authorizations:

- Allows the issuance of English learner authorizations
- Allows Commission-approved California Teachers of English Learners (CTEL) programs to determine equivalency through a combination of coursework and examinations to earn an English learner authorization
- Allows the issuance of bilingual authorizations
- Expands the option to earn a bilingual authorization to include the completion of a bilingual program based on the 2008 Bilingual Standards and allows candidates to complete the program concurrently or subsequently to earning a credential
- Allows Commission-approved bilingual programs to determine equivalency through a combination of coursework and examinations to earn a bilingual authorization

Currently there are several English learner and bilingual authorization statements listed on documents with specific authorization language based on the type of prerequisite teaching document held by the individual. The English learner and bilingual authorization statements have been revised to create uniform authorizations for all document types.

The English learner or bilingual authorization may be submitted as an added authorization on a valid document or the authorization may be added at the time of renewal if the prerequisite document is still initially issued.

#### *Authorization Codes and Statements*

Effective September 15, 2010, the new authorization statements will be listed on all appropriate documents or authorizations with an issuance date of 7/1/09 or later. The Commission will replace the old English learner and bilingual authorization statements and codes when credentials and permits are renewed or corrected. The Commission will also add the English learner or bilingual authorization when an individual is adding a teaching or subject area to multiple and single subject credentials. The same applies if the applicant holds an Education Specialist Instruction credential with an English learner authorization.

The new English learner and bilingual authorization statements are equivalent to those listed on previously issued documents. The revised authorization statements specifically delineate that the respective English learner or bilingual authorization on a valid document applies to all other prerequisite teaching documents held; therefore, it is not necessary to add the authorization to each document held. However, if an individual elects to add the authorization to more than one document, a separate application and current fee will be required for each additional valid prerequisite document to which the English learner or bilingual authorization will be added.

These new authorization statements do not pertain to the Certificates of Completion of Staff Development (CCSD) or the Bilingual Specialist Credential. The new authorization statements are referenced in the credential information leaflets listed in the *References* section provided on page 6.

The new English learner authorization code for all documents except district intern credentials is ELA1. The new English learner authorization code for district intern credentials is ELA2. The new bilingual authorization code for all documents is BA\*\*. The new bilingual authorization code for district intern credentials is \*\*BA. As there are currently 17 languages that may be listed on a bilingual authorization, asterisks (\*\*) are being used in this CIA in lieu of the language of emphasis. For example, **SPBA (\*\*BA)** is for Bilingual: Spanish on a district intern and **BASP (BA\*\*)** is for Bilingual: Spanish on all other documents. These authorization descriptions are available on the authorized subjects list on the online recommendation site.

#### *Educator Authorization*

Changes in AB 1871 include issuing authorizations to holders of documents that are no longer initially issued by the Commission. To accommodate this type of change, a new document called the Educator Authorization (document code C8) was developed. This document will be used to issue an added authorization when the prerequisite document is no longer initially, such as General, Standard and Life Ryan credentials. A complete list of appropriate prerequisite can be found in the Bilingual Authorization Information leaflet listed in the References section. The new Educator Authorization document is available on the online recommendation site. The Educator Authorization is not available for the English Learner authorization as the CLAD Certificate remains available.

Instructions for requesting the English learner or CLAD certificate may be found in Appendix I and instructions for adding a bilingual authorization are in Appendix II. A chart is also included in Appendix III.

### *Appropriate Prerequisites*

Below are the prerequisite documents that require submission of an online recommendation to add the English learner or bilingual authorization:

#### *Prerequisite List #1*

Multiple Subject Teaching Credential  
Single Subject Teaching Credential  
Education Specialist Instruction Credential

Below is a list of the initially issued prerequisite documents not available online that require submission of a recommendation via paper application to add the English learner or bilingual authorization based on completion of the appropriate approved program or passage of appropriate examinations:

#### *Prerequisite List #2*

Business and Industry Partnership Teacher  
Child Development Teacher Permit  
Child Development Master Teacher Permit  
Child Development Site Supervisor Permit  
Child Development Program Director Permit  
Designated Subjects Adult Education Teaching Credential: Full Time  
Designated Subjects Adult Education Teaching Credential: Part Time  
Designated Subjects Vocational Education Teaching Credential: Full Time\*  
Designated Subjects Vocational Education Teaching Credential: Part Time\*  
Designated Subjects Career Technical Education Teaching Credential: Part Time  
Designated Subjects Career Technical Education Teaching Credential: Full time  
Designated Subjects Career Technical Education Teaching Credential: Three-Year Full Time  
Clinical or Rehabilitative Services Credential) with Special Class (teaching) Authorization  
Speech-Language Pathology Services Credential with Special Class (teaching) Authorization  
School Nurse Services Credential with Special Class (teaching) Authorization  
Eminence Teaching Credential  
Visiting Faculty Single Subject teaching Credential  
Visiting Faculty Teaching Permit  
*\*Preliminary Full-Time/Part-Time Designated Subjects Teaching Credential issued on or after May 10, 1995.*

### *District Intern Credentials*

The district intern credentials (general and special education) will be issued with an English learner or bilingual authorization when the intern is enrolled in the corresponding Commission-approved program. Recommending program sponsors will select the appropriate authorization description. The new authorization descriptions are available on the authorization list on the online recommendation site.

### *Emergency Permits*

The requirements for the Emergency Bilingual and CLAD Permits remain the same as the BCLAD and CLAD Permits. Emergency permits are only available at the request of an employing agency. The permits will include the new authorization codes and statements.

*Short-Term Staff, Provisional Internship Permits and Variable Term Waivers*

An English learner authorization is currently issued on all Multiple Subject, Single Subject and Education Specialist Short-Term Staff (STSP) and Provisional Internship Permits (PIP). Previously, employing agencies were required to obtain a BCLAD waiver for individuals serving on a STSP or PIP in a bilingual assignment. The Bilingual Authorization may now be requested by an employing agency and added directly to PIPs and STSPs if the target language proficiency has been verified as outlined in the STSP and PIP information leaflets found in the References section. If target-language proficiency has not been completed for the PIP or STSP, a bilingual waiver may be requested. Waivers, STSP or PIP documents will include the new authorization codes and statements.

**Important Dates:**

**December 31, 2011**- Last date to recommend based on a previous BCLAD Emphasis programs

**September 15, 2010** –Commission begins using new English Learner and bilingual authorization codes and statements including issuance of Educator Authorization documents with the bilingual authorization.

**July 1, 2009** – Issuance date for new authorization statements

**Background:**

Prior to the passage of AB 1871, California prepared teachers who earned a teaching credential without an English learner or bilingual authorization (i.e., CLAD/BCLAD Emphasis, AB 1059 or SB 2042 authorization, etc.) could subsequently earn a CLAD/BCLAD Certificate. The only method to earn a BCLAD Certificate was by obtaining passing scores on the appropriate bilingual examinations, while the methods to earn a CLAD Certificate included:

- (1) Passing scores on the CLAD/CTEL examinations; or
- (2) Completing appropriate CLAD coursework on or before January 31, 2008; or
- (3) Completing a Commission-approved CTET program.

**Source:**

Education Codes §§44253.3, 44253.4, and 44253.7

**References:**

Coded Correspondence #10-07

<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/notices/coded/2010/1007.pdf>

Coded Correspondence #10-04

<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/notices/coded/2010/1004.pdf>

Program Sponsor Alert #09-06

<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/PS-alerts/2009/PSA-09-06.pdf>

CLAD Certificate and English Learner Authorization Information Leaflet

<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl628c.pdf>

Bilingual Authorization (formerly BCLAD Certificate) Information Leaflet

<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl628b.pdf>

Crosscultural, Language and Academic Development (CLAD) and Bilingual Authorization Permits (formerly CLAD/BCLAD Permits) Information Leaflet

<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl533o-CLAD-BL.pdf>

Short-Term Staff Permit Information Leaflet

<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl858.pdf>

Provisional Internship Permit Information Leaflet

<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl856.pdf>

Approved Bilingual Programs

[http://134.186.81.79/fmi/xsl/CTC\\_apm/recordlist\\_SCCba.html](http://134.186.81.79/fmi/xsl/CTC_apm/recordlist_SCCba.html)

IHE On-line Application Handbook

<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/cig/HANDBOOKS/IHE-Online-App-Handbook.pdf>

Induction On-line Application Handbook

<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/cig/HANDBOOKS/Induction-Online-App-Handbook.pdf>

Alternative Program Application Handbook

<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/cig/HANDBOOKS/Alt-Pgms-Online-App-Handbook.pdf>

Online Direct Applications

<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/online-services/default.html>

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