



# Credential Information Alert

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**SUBJECT: Clear Multiple and Single Subject Teaching Credentials for Out-of-State Prepared Teachers**

## **Summary:**

The Commission is aware of some questions in regards to the requirements for an individual prepared out-of-state (OOS) to qualify for a Clear Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credential. Specifically the questions concern the transition requirements due to legislative changes effective January 1, 2007.

This Credential Information Alert (CIA) will clarify the transition requirements for multiple and single subject credentials for individuals prepared OOS. It does not include individuals prepared in California, outside the United States, or who qualified on the basis of Peace Corps experience. Special education credentials were also included in the legislative changes but the transition issues have not been as prevalent and are not discussed in this Alert.

## **Key Provisions:**

Included in the provisions of Senate Bill (SB) 1209 (Chap. 517, Stats. of 2006) were changes to the requirements for individuals prepared OOS seeking a Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credential. The provisions of this bill became effective January 1, 2007. Under the provisions of SB 1209, there are three routes to earn a Preliminary Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credential:

- 1) Less than two years of full-time teaching experience, or
- 2) Two or more years of full-time teaching experience, or
- 3) National Board Certification

To earn a Clear Multiple or Single Credential the options are:

- 1) Complete the renewal requirements as listed on the California Preliminary Credential regardless of issuance date, or
- 2) Transition to and complete SB 1209 renewal requirements if California Preliminary Credential issued prior to January 1, 2007, or
- 3) National Board Certification in the same area as the California Preliminary Credential

## *Complete Renewal Requirements on Preliminary Credential*

Individuals who choose to complete the renewal requirements listed on their preliminary credentials issued prior to January 1, 2007 must complete all renewal requirements listed. Individuals may not mix and match the renewal requirements listed on their preliminary credentials with the new SB 1209 renewal requirements to earn the clear credential.

*Transition to SB 1209 Renewal Requirements*

Individuals with *less* than two years of OOS teaching experience may transition to the SB 1209 non-experience route and qualify for the clear credential by satisfying the basic skills requirement (if not previously met), completing a Commission-approved induction program, and holding a California English learner authorization. Individuals who choose to transition to the SB 1209 non-experience route must be recommended for the clear credential by a Commission-approved induction program via the online recommendation system.

Individuals with at least two years of OOS teaching experience may transition to the SB 1209 experience route and apply directly to the Commission for the clear credential by satisfying the basic skills requirement (if not previously met), holding a master's degree (or thirty post baccalaureate semester units) or completion of 150 clock hours of professional activities under the California Standards for the Teaching Profession, and holding a California English learner authorization. Verification of OOS teaching experience and performance evaluations is required if not previously submitted. These individuals also have the option of completing the transition requirements listed in the paragraph above.

Charts were developed and included with Coded Correspondence 06-0027. A link to this Coded Correspondence may be found in the References section. If an individual completes the renewal requirements as noted in the two paragraphs above, the Commission will consider that the individual is renewing based on the transition policy. The basic skills requirement must always be satisfied. It is the responsibility of the Induction Program to verify *all* renewal requirements listed on an individual's preliminary credential have been completed, including determination that the individual has fulfilled the transition options to the new renewal requirements. See the example below.

Mary Higgins holds a Preliminary Single Subject Teaching Credential in English and Social Science issued in 2006 and she did not have any OOS teaching experience. On her document it states she must complete a course in advanced computer education and meet subject-matter competence in both subject areas to earn a clear credential. Mary earns a CLAD Certificate and completes a Commission-approved Induction program. She has completed the transition to the new requirements under SB 1209 and does not need to complete the advanced computer education course or pass the subject-matter exams for either subject area to be recommended for the clear credential by the induction program.

When an individual transitions to the provisions included in SB 1209, subject-matter competence is deemed satisfied by holding or having held an OOS credential. Since the Commission has already issued a Preliminary Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credential to an individual (including those earned prior to January 1, 2007), the individual does not need to submit a copy of the OOS certification when applying for the clear credential. These individuals do not need to pass subject-matter exams or have their OOS certification verified for any subject areas listed on their preliminary credential if they are transitioning to SB 1209.

In reviewing online applications for Clear Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credentials, Commission staff reviews the preliminary credential to confirm all subject areas, supplementary authorizations and/or subject matter authorizations previously listed are included on the Clear Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credential. If the Induction program sponsor inadvertently leaves off an authorization listed on the preliminary credential, the Commission will add the authorization to the clear credential. In the review of the online applications, the Commission will give the applicant all the authorizations for which they are eligible.

### *Induction Program*

A Local Education Agency or an Institution of Higher Education may serve as the Commission-accredited Induction Program sponsor. Depending on when an individual participated in an Induction program, the individual met the twenty SB 2042 (Chap. 548. Stats. 1998) *Standards of Quality and Effectiveness for Professional Teacher Induction Programs* adopted in 2002 or the current six Induction Program Standards adopted in 2008. The 2008 standards replaced the 2002 Program Standards. If an OOS-prepared individual completed an Induction program, both the 2002 and 2008 Induction Standards satisfy the requirement for a Clear Credential recommendation.

### *National Board Certification*

Individuals who hold preliminary teaching credentials may earn a clear credential by obtaining a National Board Certificate in the authorizations listed on their documents by applying directly to the Commission. See the References section for links to the OOS-Prepared Multiple and Single Subject leaflets for additional information.

### **Important Dates:**

SB 1209 requirements became effective January 1, 2007.

### **Background:**

Prior to SB 1209, an individual had five options to qualify for a preliminary Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credential. Each option had a specific set of renewal requirements to qualify for the clear credential. SB 1209 changed the options for individuals with professional OOS teaching certification to three routes while simplifying the initial requirements for the Clear Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credential. With the implementation of SB 1209, individuals prepared OOS have the option to transition to the new renewal requirements for the Clear Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credential.

There are also transition options available for OOS prepared special education teachers who may choose to either complete the requirements on their document issued prior to SB 1209 or to complete the new Level II requirements under one of the available SB 1209 routes.

### **References:**

Coded Correspondence 06-0027: *Transition Renewal Options for Out-of-State Prepared Multiple Subject, Single Subject, and Special Education Teachers per the Provisions of Senate Bill 1209:* <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/notices/coded/060027/060027.pdf>

Coded Correspondence 06-0028: *Implementation of Senate Bill 1209 For Out-of-State Prepared Multiple and Single Subject Teachers:* <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/notices/coded/060028/060028.pdf>

Multiple Subject Teaching Credential – Out-of-State Prepared: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl561.pdf>

Single Subject Teaching Credential – Out-of-State Prepared: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl560.pdf>

National Board Certification: <http://www.nbpts.org>

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