



Credential Information Alert

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SUBJECT: *Guide to Verifying the Proficiency of Prelingually Deaf Credential Candidates*

Summary:

The Commission updated the *Guide to Verifying the Proficiency of Prelingually Deaf Credential Candidates* in December 2013. The recommendation form (41-PD) has been updated to reflect the preliminary and clear Education Specialist Credentials and the Added Authorizations in Special Education. In addition, the form may be used for any prelingually deaf credential that requires a recommendation from a program sponsor. This Credential Information Alert is intended to highlight the changes in the guidebook.

Key Provisions:

The Commission updated the Guide to assist employing agencies when submitting new applications and to include policies and procedures. The sections updated include:

- Glossary;
- Requirements for verifying that an educator is prelingually deaf;
- Renewal and authorization codes;
- Appeals; and
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) including employment restrictions, documents not applicable under current statute and applications submitted based on out-of state-credentials.

The *Guide for Verifying the Proficiency of Prelingually Deaf Credential Candidates* may be found on the Credential Information Guide (CIG) and the Commission's public web site at the links in the References section below.

Background:

Statute concerning Prelingually Deaf Credentials was initially enacted by legislation in 1993. The last update to statute was in 2006 when all general teaching and services credentials were added to statute as options for prelingually deaf candidates.

References:

Guidebook: http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/manuals-handbooks/PD_Manual.pdf

Recommendation form 41-PD: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/41-PD.pdf>



Source:

Education Code sections 44265.8 and 44265.9

Title 5 section 3051.18

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