



Credential Information Alert

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SUBJECT: Changes to English Learner Authorization for Multiple Subject, Single Subject, and Education Specialist Credentials Effective January 1, 2014

Summary:

Changes have been made to authorization codes for the English Learner Authorization. These codes pertain to candidates who **enrolled** in a **preliminary or intern** (*university or district*) teacher preparation program on or after January 1, 2014. The revised English learner authorization codes include ELAM, ELAS, ELAE, and ELA3 as shown below.

- Multiple Subject preliminary and university intern candidates will earn the **ELAM** authorization.
- Single subject preliminary and university intern candidates will earn the **ELAS** authorization.
- Education Specialist preliminary and university intern candidates will earn the **ELAE** authorization.
- All district intern candidates will earn the **ELA3** authorization.

Key Provisions:

The program enrollment date for an educator is the determining factor for using the new codes for preliminary and intern credentials. The issuance date on an intern credential is the program enrollment date. The revised authorization codes for the preliminary credential will not be placed on the document until a candidate *completes* the preliminary program if enrolled in that preliminary program on or after January 1, 2014. Information on this topic is on page 4 of English Learner Guidebook: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/cig2/files/ctc-online-guide-ELA.pdf>.

Specifically the changes are:

- 1) All Multiple Subject, Single Subject, and Education Specialist preliminary candidates *enrolled on or after* January 1, 2014 must be recommended upon program completion for the English Learner Authorization using the revised authorization code of ELAM, ELAS, or ELAE, as appropriate. See Chart A on the last page of this CIA.

Candidates *enrolled* in a Multiple Subject, Single Subject, or Education Specialist preliminary program **prior to** January 1, 2014 must be recommended for the English Learner Authorization using the ELA1 authorization code. Do not use both the ELAM, ELAS, ELAE, or ELA3 authorization code and the ELA1 authorization code on these recommendations.

- 2) All Multiple Subject, Single Subject and Education Specialist candidates *enrolled* in an intern program with an issuance date **on or after** January 1, 2014 must be recommended for the revised English Learner Authorization with the ELAM, ELAS, ELAE, or ELA3 authorization code, as appropriate. Do not add or select the ELA1 authorization code. See Chart B on the last page of this CIA.



Issues concerning the English learner including the CLAD Certificate authorization and the appropriate authorization code to use when an educator earns another document that includes an English learner authorization are addressed starting on page 5 of Coded Correspondence 14-01. A link may be found in the References section.

Background:

The Commission adopted a revised English learner authorization structure at its December 2011 meeting that limits the authorization for providing English Language Development (ELD) instruction that occurs within the scope of the teacher’s basic credential authorization, consistent with the level of preparation provided by current California teacher preparation programs.

All current holders of valid California teaching credentials with an English learner authorization will retain the broad English learner authorization (“ELA1”). In addition, candidates who **enrolled in** preliminary California multiple subject, single subject, and education specialist teacher preparation programs on or before December 31, 2013 who remain continuously enrolled, as defined in Education Code §44252.1(b), will earn the broad English learner authorization upon program completion, provided program completion occurs before the established sunset dates listed in the Important Dates section on page 8 of Coded Correspondence 14-01.

Education Code §44454 states, “*An internship credential authorizes the same service at the same levels as the regular credential authorizes.*” Therefore, intern credentials (university and district) with an initial issue date on or after January 1, 2014 will be issued with the revised English learner authorizations.

Source:

Education Code §§ 44225, 44253.2, 44253.3, and 44259.5

5 California Code of Regulation §§ 80003, 80004, 80048.6

References:

Coded Correspondence 14-01: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/notices/coded/2014/1401.pdf>

Contact Information:

The quickest and most direct method to receive a response to specific questions is by email to the Commission’s Information Services Section at credentials@ctc.ca.gov. Place key words indicating the nature of your question in the subject line to allow the Commission to direct the email to the appropriate staff.

You may also contact the Commission by telephone at 916-322-4974 Monday through Friday between 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. PST.



CHART A

Definitions for the authorization codes may be found starting on page 15 of Coded Correspondence 14-01. A link may be found in the References section.

EL Authorization Codes for Preliminary Credentials based on Enrollment Date

Document Type	Document Term	Enrolled Prior to 1/1/2014	Enrolled After 1/1/2014
Multiple Subject	Preliminary	ELA1	ELAM
Single Subject	Preliminary	ELA1	ELAS
Education Specialist	Preliminary	ELA1	ELAE

CHART B

EL Authorization Codes for Intern Credentials with Initial Issue Date on or after January 1, 2014

Document Type	Document Term	New EL Authorization Code
Multiple Subject	University Intern	ELAM
	District Intern	ELA3
Single Subject	University Intern	ELAS
	District Intern	ELA3
Education Specialist	University Intern	ELAE
	District Intern	ELA3