



CREDENTIAL INFORMATION ALERT

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SUBJECT: WAIVER UPDATES RELATED TO COVID-19 FLEXIBILITIES

Summary:

This Credential Information Alert (CIA) contains information on applying for a reissuance of a Program Sponsor Variable Term Waiver (PS-VTW) as well as address the issuance of a standard Variable Term Waiver (VTW) after an individual has held a Provisional Internship Permit (PIP) and/or a Short-Term Staff Permit (STSP).

Background:

On April 23, 2020, the Commission approved the use of PS-VTWs for individuals who have been impacted by the COVID-19 restrictions while they were participating in a Commission-approved educator preparation program. The Commission extended these flexibilities at the February 2020 meeting. The PS-VTW was approved for identified educator preparation programs that had candidates who could not complete clinical practice/fieldwork, coursework, examinations, or performance assessment requirements due to the health and safety conditions related to COVID-19. The approval of institutional requests to issue PS-VTWs was not extended and ended on August 31, 2021.

PS-VTW Provisions:

Although initial issuance of a PS-VTW is no longer available, the Commission did approve the reissuance for PS-VTWs under the following circumstances. The reissuance would be the second and final issuance of this document type.

- The candidate must continue to be impacted by ongoing health and safety conditions related to COVID-19 as verified by the program sponsor.
- The candidate must continue to receive support from their preparation program and the program must submit the application on the candidate's behalf.

- The candidate must be making continued progress towards issuance of a Preliminary credential as determined by the preparation program.

The preparation program must verify that the candidate is making progress towards issuance of the Preliminary credential, however, evidence of progress does not need to be submitted with the application. Program sponsors with individuals who meet these requirements must submit application form [PS-VTWR](#), documentation from the program of continued impact from COVID-19, and the processing fee of \$100. Individuals who do not meet these requirements but are employed may work with their employer to request a standard Variable Term Waiver (VTW).

VTW Provisions:

In addition to the option for approved institutions to request PS-VTWs during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission also temporarily allowed the issuance of VTWs to individuals who had already held a PIP and/or STSP. This practice was intended to allow continuity for schools that needed teachers to continue in assignments when they had exhausted all emergency credential options and were unable to enroll in an Intern program. The ability to move from the PIP or STSP to the VTW currently remains in place and is an option for individuals who are impacted by the health and safety conditions related to COVID-19. In such cases, the applicant is required to show evidence of progress towards entrance to a teacher preparation program or completion of such a program to be considered for a VTW after holding a PIP/STSP. However, beginning September 1st the Commission will no longer offer this “step down” option.

Important Dates:

August 31, 2021 – final issuance date for initial PS-VTWs

September 1, 2022 – final initial issuance date of VTWs for individuals who previously held a PIP and/or STSP.

References:

PS-VTWR application:

https://www.ctc.ca.gov/docs/default-source/cig-leaflets/ps-vtwr.pdf?sfvrsn=1bb427b1_3

Contact Information:

Waiver questions can be directed to Waivers@ctc.ca.gov. Questions regarding Commission-approved preparation programs should be directed to PSDinfo@ctc.ca.gov.