



Credential Information Alert

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SUBJECT: Military and Dependent Spouse Teaching and Services Credential Mobility

Summary:

On July 10, 2023, Senate Bill 114 (Omnibus Trailer Bill) provided for the addition of §44343.4 to the California Education Code allowing active duty military personnel, dependent spouses or domestic partners, or surviving spouses or domestic partners of military personnel to apply directly to the Commission for a comparable, professional license authorizing service to students in public school settings that is valid for the duration of the military service in California.

Key Provisions:***Applicant Requirements under Education Code §44343.4***

Pursuant to Education Code §44343.4, the Commission may issue a valid credential that allows the holder to provide services in a California public school while they or their spouse or domestic partner is stationed in California for active military duty. Education Code §44343.4 also provides for the surviving spouse or domestic partner of military personnel who died during active service within the last 12 months to apply for a credential or permit.

To qualify under this provision, applicants must submit:

1. A copy of an active, valid, comparable, professional teaching or services license or permit authorizing services to students in a public school setting. The license must have been issued by another state, district, or territory of the United States and must be issued based upon completion of a program of professional preparation.
2. The appropriate documents verifying transfer to California for active duty military services, the registered legal documentation of the relationship to the military servicemember for a spouse or domestic partner applicant, and where appropriate,

verification of the death during active duty military service of a spouse or domestic partner within the last 12 months.

3. A completed [Application Form 41-4](#).
4. Fingerprint information and fees as applicable.

Valid Period of Service

Education Code §44343.4 states that the Commission shall issue a comparable credential at the preliminary level for a valid period not to exceed:

1. The duration of the military orders for service in California, or
2. The valid period of the preliminary credential or permit, or
3. Three years, whichever is shortest.

Credentials issued under this provision shall be issued once and are not renewable. Holders of credentials issued under Education Code §44343.4 will be eligible to apply for the corresponding California credential or permit under existing out-of-state pathways prior to the expiration date of the credential or permit.

Common Credential Types:

1. Elementary, Secondary, and Special Education teaching credentials that were issued based on completion of a program of professional preparation.
2. Administrative, Pupil Personnel Services, Speech-Language Pathology, School Nurse, Teacher Librarian and Health Services Credentials that were issued based upon completion of a program of professional preparation.
3. Child Development licenses that were issued based upon completion of a program of professional preparation.

Renewals:

Documents issued under this provision will not be renewable.

Important Dates

Senate Bill No. 114 was signed and took effect **July 10, 2023**.

Contact Information

Questions regarding credential requirements and application submissions may be directed to the Commission's Information Services Unit by email at credentials@ctc.ca.gov. Questions regarding the fingerprinting process and professional fitness review may be directed to DPPinfo@ctc.ca.gov.

Other Links

Military Service, Fingerprint, and Fee information:

[Military and Dependent Spouse Teaching and Services Credential Mobility \(CL-910\) \(ca.gov\)](#)

[Military Service \(CL-892\) \(ca.gov\)](#)

[FINGERPRINT CLEARANCE INFORMATION \(ca.gov\)](#)

[Fee Schedule Information \(CL-659\) \(ca.gov\)](#)

Out of State Credential Leaflets:

[Single Subject Teaching Credential Requirements for Teachers Prepared Out-of-State \(CL-560\) \(ca.gov\)](#)

[Multiple Subject Teaching Credential \(CL-561\) \(ca.gov\)](#)

[Education Specialist Requirements for Individuals Prepared Out-of-State \(CL-808\)](#)

[Pupil Personnel Services Credential For Individuals Prepared Out-of-State \(CL-606\) \(ca.gov\)](#)

[Speech-Language Pathology Services Credential \(CL-879\) \(ca.gov\)](#)

[Administrative Services Credential Out-of-State Prepared \(CL-574\) \(ca.gov\)](#)

[School Nurse Services Credential \(CL-380\) \(ca.gov\)](#) *(Includes information regarding other Health Services credentials)*

[Teacher Librarian Services Credential \(CL-562\) \(ca.gov\)](#)

[Designated Subjects \(CL-888\) \(ca.gov\)](#)

[Designated Subjects Special Subjects Teaching Credentials \(CL-699\) \(ca.gov\)](#)

[Designated Subjects Adult Education Teaching Credentials \(CL-697B\)](#)

[Child Development Permits \(CL-797\) \(ca.gov\)](#)

Application Form

[Application For Credential Authorizing Public School Service | Educator Resources](#)

Fingerprint Information

<https://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/fee-and-fingerprint>

Sources

Senate Bill No. 114, Section 18

[Bill Text - SB-114 Education finance: education omnibus budget trailer bill.](#)

References:

Education Code §44343.4:

(a) The commission shall issue a comparable credential at the preliminary level to an eligible applicant for the purpose of providing instruction or services in public schools if all of the following requirements are met:

(1) The eligible applicant possesses and provides proof of a valid, out-of-state, unexpired, professional-level teaching or services credential.

(2) The eligible applicant provides evidence that the eligible applicant is, is married to, or is in a domestic partnership or other legal union with, an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States.

(3) The eligible applicant provides either of the following:

(A) A copy of their, or their spouse or domestic partner's, official military orders for reassignment to California.

(B) Evidence of their spouse or domestic partner's death while serving as an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States in the previous 12 months.

(4) The eligible applicant satisfies the fingerprinting requirement for purposes of conducting a criminal background check and satisfies the professional fitness requirement pursuant to Sections 44339, 44340, and 44341.

(b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), a credential issued pursuant to this section shall be valid only for the duration of the military orders pursuant to subparagraph (A) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (a).

(2) A credential issued to eligible applicants who provided evidence pursuant to subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) shall be valid for no more than three years. A credential issued pursuant to this paragraph may only be issued once.

(c) An eligible applicant licensed under this section may subsequently apply for full licensure in California based on existing pathways for out-of-state prepared educators.

(d) The commission shall issue a credential under this section to a spouse of a United States military service member consistent with subdivision (a) of Section 44343.5.

(e) For the purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States" means any person serving in a full-time duty status in the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, or Coast Guard, including members of any reserve component of those forces and members of the National Guard.

(2) "Eligible applicant" means any United States military service member or their spouse or domestic partner, or a surviving spouse or domestic partner of a service member who died while serving as an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States in the previous 12 months.