



Credential Information Alert

DATE: December 30, 2025

NUMBER:

25-09

SUBJECT: Assembly Bill 753 - Creation of the Independent Care Emphasis Authorization for Child Development Assistant Teacher Permits

Summary:

The purpose of this Credential Information Alert (CIA) is to alert the field to the signing of Assembly Bill (AB) 753 (Chapter 375, Statutes of 2025) and the creation of a new Independent Care Emphasis authorization for the existing Child Development Assistant Teacher (AP) Permit. It allows AP holders to independently supervise children for a limited amount of time throughout the day.

Background:

This bill is the Legislature's response to the staffing shortages in the childcare sector. It is meant to align with the work that the Commission's Child Care Work Group has done to restructure Child Development permits. Assembly Bill 753 helps Local Education Agencies (LEAs) maintain adequate coverage and supervision in early childhood education classrooms.

The Commission currently offers an Assistant teacher permit that is awarded based on 6 units of Child Development coursework. This permit is renewable, has a 5-year validity period, and allows the holder, "to care for and assist in the development and instruction of children in a childcare and development program under the supervision of a Child Development Permit (CDP) Associate Teacher, CDP Teacher, CDP Master Teacher, CDP Site Supervisor, or CDP Program Director." It does not allow the holder to provide any independent instruction. [Further information on the different CDPs available and the requirements for each can be found on Credential Leaflet 797.](#)

Key Provisions:

Assembly Bill 753 creates a new, nonrenewable authorization for the existing Child Development Assistant Teacher Permit. This is an authorization that expands the scope of the

typical authorization on the Assistant Teacher Permit, which is similar to the expanded scope of the “school-age” emphasis. This expanded authorization allows for temporary independent supervision (120 minutes) per day while the supervising instructor leaves the classroom for the purposes of offering flexibility for classroom supporting, supervision during breaks, or escorting children outside of the classroom.

The requirements for issuance are six semester units of Child Development or Early Childhood Education coursework from a regionally accredited college or university, an education plan on file with the employing agency, and concurrent enrollment in coursework that is working towards a higher-level permit. The applicant must also be sponsored by an employing agency and submit Verification Form [CL-913](#). The authorization is non-renewable and is valid for two years.

Assembly Bill 753 does limit the number of Assistant Teacher Permit holders who can be assigned to one classroom. The bill specifically states that permit holders “shall not exceed 50% of the number of classrooms at the site.” (Ex. If there are 2 classrooms, 1 assistant permit holder is permitted.) It also requires annual reporting on usage. These provisions are not under the Commission’s purview. Any questions regarding this provision shall be directed to the California Department of Education.

Online Submissions Directly by Educators:

Online application submission is available for the Independent Care Emphasis through CTC Online. Interested individuals who have never submitted a direct application through the CTC Online system may review the steps on the Commission’s [Submit an Online Application](#) page. Submission will require logging in to the CTC Online system. Assistance can be found on the [Login Help](#) page on the Commission’s website.

- If applying for an initial Child Development Assistant Teacher Permit and the Independent Care Emphasis – select the **Child Development Permits** category and the **Child Development Assistant Permit**. The submission requires a complete [CL-913](#) form along with the other materials to qualify for the permit.

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| General Application Category* | : Child Development Permits |
| Type of Credential/Permit Requested* | : Child Development Assistant Permit |
| School Age Emphasis: | <input type="checkbox"/> |

- If applying for the Independent Care Emphasis while already holding a Child Development Assistant Teacher Permit – select the Child Development Permits category and the Assistant Permit Independent Care Emphasis. The submission requires a complete [CL-913](#) form.

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| General Application Category * | Child Development Permits |
| Type of Credential/Permit Requested * | Assistant Permit Independent Care Emphasis |

Courtesy Submissions by Local Education Agencies:

Beginning January 1, 2026, LEAs may submit an application on behalf of an educator through the online portal. This is available for candidates who have met all the requirements for the Independent Care Emphasis Authorization. These submissions are considered courtesy applications and are not formal online recommendations as submitted by Commission-approved programs. As such, the Commission will complete an evaluation of requirements. Each courtesy submission should include all materials that demonstrate satisfaction of all requirements.

- Application for initial issuance of the Independent Care Emphasis Authorization – LEAs should select the program type **COURTESY**, Document Title of **C8**, and the **2Y** Term.

Note that this will be issued separately from a Child Development Assistant Teacher Permit credential. Two documents are necessary because the independent care emphasis is dependent upon the CDA but has an abridged validity period that would not align with the prerequisite permit.

The emphasis will use a new authorization code, **12IC**, which has the following description:

The Independent Care Emphasis Added Authorization authorizes the holder to temporarily supervise children in a childcare and development program independently for no more than 120 minutes per day. Service in this capacity must be accompanied by a valid Child Development Assistant Permit.

Any Commission-approved program sponsor making a recommendation for an individual that completed their program should not select the Program Type of COURTESY.

Sources:

AB 753:

[Bill Text - AB-753 Childcare: facility licensure: teacher requirements.](#)

For CL-913: Verification of Requirements for Independent Care Emphasis Authorization:

<https://docs.ctc.ca.gov/Document/Download/30924>

Child Development Permits leaflet: [https://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/child-development-permits-\(cl-797\)](https://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/child-development-permits-(cl-797))

Child Development Worksheet: <https://docs.ctc.ca.gov/document/download/29875>

Child Development Assistant Permit checklist: <https://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/child-development-assistant-permit-checklist>

Important Dates:

January 1st, 2026- Effective date of Assembly Bill 753

Contact Information:

Questions regarding credential requirements can be directed to the Commission's Division of Licensure Certification through the online form found at <https://educatortools.ctc.ca.gov/ContactUs>.