

Annual Accreditation Fee Structure

The Annual Accreditation Fee is composed of two parts: 1) an institution fee based on the average number of recommendations over the past 3 years and 2) a program fee based on the number and type of Commission-approved educator preparation programs offered by the institution.

Part One-Institution Fee

On July 1 of each year Commission staff will calculate the total number of recommendations submitted by each Commission-approved institution (college, university, school district, county office of education or other entity). The Institutional Fee is based on the average number of recommendation for the prior 3 years.

Table 1: Institution Fee Tiers – Based on three year average of recommendations		
Tier	Recommendations	Fee per institution
1	0-50	\$1,000
2	51-100	\$1,400
3	101-300	\$1,800
4	301-600	\$2,200
5	Over 600	\$2,500

Part Two-Program Fee

The Program Fee is based upon the number of Commission Approved Programs as of July 1 each year. All Commission-approved programs have been organized into one of three categories: Initial Preparation programs, Second Tier/Specialist programs, and Added Authorization programs. Table 2a identifies the three types of programs and the associated fees. Table 2b identifies the fee category for each educator preparation program. Each institution should check the [Approved Programs page](#) in the Credential Information Guide (CIG) to ensure that all its programs are appropriately identified. **It is important to note that programs must be formally [withdrawn](#) or made [inactive](#) at a regularly scheduled [Committee on Accreditation \(COA\) meeting](#) prior to July 1 in order for the changes to reflect on that year's invoice.**

Intern Programs

If a Preliminary Preparation program (Multiple Subject, Single Subject, Education Specialist, or Administrative Services) is offered in both a traditional or student teaching model and an Intern model the institution will not be charged for two separate Preliminary Preparation programs. Instead, a Preliminary preparation program that is offered in both a traditional and intern delivery model will pay an additional \$150 for the work that will need to be completed to review the program for both the Intern and traditional delivery models. **It is important to note that programs that only operate the Intern model will still be charged the full fee for a preliminary preparation program with the additional internship fee.**

Inactive programs

An institution may elect to declare a Commission-approved educator preparation program [Inactive](#). An Inactive program may not admit new candidates, must teach out the current candidates, and may only be Inactive for up to five years. Institutions that have Inactive programs will be assessed \$50 annually for each inactive program to cover the cost of monitoring and record keeping.

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If a program is inactive because the standards have been revised and the program is teaching out its candidates, there is no annual program fee. These programs will be designated as “transition inactive” in the CIG.

Total Annual Fee

Annually, on or before August 1st, the Commission will post the total accreditation fee for each Commission-approved institution for the upcoming fiscal year on the Commission website. Each institution will receive an invoice by August 15th. The bill is due September 1st and will be considered late on November 1st.

If the Accreditation Fee is not paid before November 1st in any year, the institution’s ability to recommend for credentials will be suspended until the fee, plus a \$500 extraordinary activity fee, has been received by the Commission.

Table 2a: Program Fee	
Type of Educator Preparation Program	Program Fee
Initial Preparation programs —usually those with 12 or more Program Standards	\$400
Intern Programs —If an institution offers educator preparation program (preliminary teaching or administrative services programs) in an an intern delivery model, there is an additional \$150 annual fee.	\$150
Second Tier/Specialist programs —usually those with 6 -11 Program Standards	\$300
Added Authorization or Special Class/Teaching Authorization programs —usually those with fewer than 6 Program Standards	\$200

Table 2b: Educator Preparation Programs and Accreditation Fee	
Type of Educator Preparation Program	Type of Program
Teacher Preparation Programs	
Preliminary Multiple Subject Teaching Credential	Initial Preparation
Preliminary Single Subject Teaching Credential	Initial Preparation
General Education Induction	Second Tier/Specialist
General Education Clear	Second Tier/Specialist
Preliminary Education Specialist-Mild to Moderate Disabilities	Initial Preparation
Preliminary Education Specialist-Moderate to Severe Disabilities	Initial Preparation
Preliminary Education Specialist-Early Childhood Special Education	Initial Preparation
Preliminary Education Specialist-Deaf and Hard of Hearing	Initial Preparation
Preliminary Education Specialist-Physical and Health Impairments	Initial Preparation
Preliminary Education Specialist-Visual Impairments	Initial Preparation
Preliminary Education Specialist-Language and Academic Development	Initial Preparation
Clear Education Specialist Induction	Second Tier/Specialist
Added Authorization in Special Education-Autism Spectrum Disorder	Added Authorization
Added Authorization in Special Education-Deaf-Blind	Added Authorization

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Table 2b: Educator Preparation Programs and Accreditation Fee	
Type of Educator Preparation Program	Type of Program
Added Authorization in Special Education-Early Childhood Special Education	Added Authorization
Added Authorization in Special Education-Emotional Disturbance	Added Authorization
Added Authorization in Special Education-Orthopedic Impairments	Added Authorization
Added Authorization in Special Education-Other Health Impairments	Added Authorization
Added Authorization in Special Education-Resource	Added Authorization
Added Authorization in Special Education-Traumatic Brain Injury	Added Authorization
California Teachers of English Learners (CTEL)	Second Tier/Specialist
Bilingual Authorization	Second Tier/Specialist
Agriculture Specialist	Second Tier/Specialist
Reading and Literacy Added Authorization (Certificate)	Added Authorization
Reading and Literacy Leadership Specialist	Added Authorization
Mathematics Instructional Added Authorization	Second Tier/Specialist
Mathematics Instructional Leadership Specialist	Second Tier/Specialist
Adapted Physical Education	Second Tier/Specialist
Early Childhood Specialist	Second Tier/Specialist
Designated Subjects: Career Technical Education	Initial Preparation
Designated Subjects: Adult Education	Initial Preparation
Designated Subjects: Supervision and Coordination	Second Tier/Specialist
Services Preparation Programs	
Preliminary Administrative Services	Initial Preparation
Administrative Services Induction	Second Tier/Specialist
Pupil Personnel Services: School Psychology	Initial Preparation
Pupil Personnel Services: School Counseling	Initial Preparation
Pupil Personnel Services: School Social Work	Initial Preparation
Pupil Personnel Services: Child Welfare and Attendance	Second Tier/Specialist
Teacher Librarian	Second Tier/Specialist
Teacher Librarian Special Teaching Authorization	Added Authorization
School Nurse	Second Tier/Specialist
School Nurse-Special Teaching Authorization in Health	Added Authorization
Speech-Language Pathology	Initial Preparation
Speech-Language Pathology Special Class Authorization	Added Authorization
Clinical or Other Rehabilitative: Orientation and Mobility	Initial Preparation
Clinical or Other Rehabilitative: Audiology	Second Tier/Specialist