

COVID Flexibilities 2021-2022 (as of October 2021)

COVID Flexibility	Summary of Flexibility	Eligible for Use	Authority and Conditions
TPA/APA	Move performance assessment requirement (TPA/APA) to the Clear Credential if impacted by COVID as noted in PSA 21-08 . The performance assessment must be passed prior to recommendation for the clear credential.	March 19, 2020-August 31, 2022	Authority: EO N-66-20 and SB 820 (Chap. 110, Stats. 2020) Extended with AB 130 (Chap. 44, Stats.2021) Conditions: Enrolled in program, met all requirements other than the performance assessment, COVID prevents completion
RICA	Move RICA requirement to the Clear Credential if impacted by COVID as noted in PSA 21-08 . The assessment must be passed prior to recommendation for the clear credential.	March 19, 2020-December 31, 2021	Authority: EO N-66-20 and SB 820 (Chap. 110, Stats. 2020) Extended with AB 130 (Chap. 44, Stats.2021) Authorizes the Commission to take further action to extend this deadline to June 30, 2022, as necessary Conditions: Unable to take RICA due to COVID

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CBEST	<p>Suspends requirement of CBEST for Program Entry, if the candidate is unable to complete the exam due to testing center closures related to COVID-19, and the requirements for programs to use the CBEST data to support candidates. Basic Skills must be met prior to recommendation for the credential.</p>	<p>March 19, 2020-December 31, 2021</p>	<p>Authority: EO N-66-20 and SB 820 (Chap. 110, Stats. 2020) Extended with AB 130 (Chap. 44, Stats.2021) Authorizes the Commission to take further action to extend this deadline to June 30, 2022, as necessary Conditions: For prospective candidates unable to take the exam due to testing center closures related to COVID-19</p>
Subject Matter - Interns	<p>Suspends Subject Matter Requirement for Interns to enter the Intern program if the candidate is unable to complete it due to testing center closures related to COVID-19. The subject matter requirement must be met prior to recommendation for the preliminary credential.</p>	<p>March 19, 2020-December 31, 2021</p>	<p>Authority: EO N-66-20 and SB 820 (Chap. 110, Stats. 2020) Extended with AB 130 (Chap. 44, Stats.2021) Authorizes the Commission to take further action to extend this deadline to June 30, 2022, as necessary Conditions: Unable to take CSET due to testing center closures related to COVID</p>
Subject Matter - Student teaching	<p>Waive the Preconditions that require Subject Matter Requirement prior to Daily Whole Class Instruction for Preliminary Multiple/Single Subject and Preliminary Education Specialist candidates. All candidates must satisfy the subject matter requirement prior to recommendation for the preliminary credential.</p>	<p>For school year 2021-22. The suspension ends August 31, 2022</p>	<p>Authority: Commission action, April 2020, Agenda item 4A Extended with Commission action, June 2021, Agenda item 4E Conditions: Unable to take CSET due to COVID</p>

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PS-VTW	<p>Program Sponsor Variable Term Waiver (PS-VTW) allows candidates who were on track to complete an educator preparation program to have an additional year to complete the credential requirements.</p>	March 19, 2020-August 31, 2021	<p>Authority: Commission Action, April 2020 and October 2020 Conditions: Almost all requirements met, need more time, and impacted by COVID</p>
PPS -2 nd Placement	<p>Waives the Requirement for 2 Placements for Pupil Personnel Credentials. The Title 5 regulations require candidates to complete placements in at least two grade level bands for a minimum of 100 hours in each placement. This requirement is waived. Candidates are still subject to the minimum number of total required clinical practice hours.</p> <p>This flexibility has expired.</p>	March 19, 2020-June 30, 2021	<p>Authority: SB 98 (Chap. 24, Stats. 2020) Conditions: Impacted by COVID</p>
CBEST	<p>Defer CBEST for one year if the candidate who has not previously failed the assessment (used most often by out of state candidates).</p> <p>This flexibility has expired.</p>	March 19, 2020-August 31, 2021	<p>Authority: Commission Action, April 2020 and October 2020 Conditions: Not previously failed CBEST as noted in the CBEST Deferral and BSR Guidance Document</p>
Length of Validity of Scores	<p>Examination Scores are Valid for eleven (11) years rather than the ten years in Regulations due to the COVID pandemic.</p>	March 19, 2020-June 30, 2021	<p>Authority: SB 98 (Chap. 24, Stats. 2020) Conditions: Impacted by COVID</p>
Extension of Credentials	<p>COVID has been defined as a Good Cause for a one-year extension to a credential or permit. (PIPS and STSPs do not qualify for this extension)</p>	For school year 2020-21. The suspension ends August 31, 2021	<p>Authority: Commission, April 2020 Agenda Item 3A Conditions: Impacted by COVID</p>

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PIP/STSP	Individuals who have served on a PIP or STSP can downgrade to an employer requested Variable Term Waiver (VTW).	For school year 2020-21. The suspension ends August 31, 2021	Authority: Commission Action, April 2020 Condition: Impacted by COVID
VTW	Individuals serving on a VTW may, through an employer, request an additional issuance of the waiver even if the criteria for renewing the waiver has not been met.	For school year 2020-21. The suspension ends August 31, 2021	Authority: Commission Action, April 2020 Condition: Impacted by COVID

