

COVID Flexibilities
Updated: July 6, 2022

COVID Flexibility	Summary of Flexibility	Eligible for Use	Authority and Conditions
TPA/APA	<p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">This flexibility ends August 31, 2022</p>	<p>March 19, 2020- August 31, 2022</p>	<p>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.</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. This flexibility does not apply to Intern candidates. All candidates must satisfy the subject matter requirement prior to recommendation for the preliminary credential.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">This flexibility ends May 1, 2023</p>	<p>For school year 2021-22 and 2022-23.</p>	<p>Authority: Commission action, April 2020, Agenda item 4A. Extended with Commission action, June 2022, Agenda item 3J. Additional details in PSA 22-07 Conditions: Unable to take CSET due to COVID.</p>

All COVID flexibilities below have now expired

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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><i>This flexibility has expired.</i></p>	March 19, 2020- June 30, 2022	<p>Authority: EO N-66-20 and SB 820 (Chap. 110, Stats. 2020) Extended with AB 130 (Chap. 44, Stats.2021) The Commission took action to extend this deadline to June 30, 2022</p> <p>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><i>This flexibility has expired.</i></p>	March 19, 2020- June 30, 2022	<p>Authority: EO N-66-20 and SB 820 (Chap. 110, Stats. 2020) Extended with AB 130 (Chap. 44, Stats.2021) The Commission took action to extend this deadline to June 30, 2022</p> <p>Conditions: Unable to take CSET due to testing center closures related to COVID</p>
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> <p><i>This flexibility has expired.</i></p>	March 19, 2020- August 31, 2021	<p>Authority: Commission Action, April 2020 and October 2020</p> <p>Conditions: Almost all requirements met, need more time, and impacted by COVID</p>

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PPS -2 nd Placement	<p>Waives the Requirement for 2 Placements for Pupil Personnel Credentials. 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><i>This flexibility has expired.</i></p>	March 19, 2020- June 30, 2021	<p>Authority: SB 98 (Chap. 24, Stats. 2020)</p> <p>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><i>This flexibility has expired.</i></p>	March 19, 2020- August 31, 2021	<p>Authority: Commission Action, April 2020 and October 2020</p> <p>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> <p><i>This flexibility has expired.</i></p>	March 19, 2020- June 30, 2021	<p>Authority: SB 98 (Chap. 24, Stats. 2020)</p> <p>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 for individuals. Requires evidence of school closure, medical reasons, mandated quarantine, or other disruption directly related to COVID. (PIPs and STSPs do not qualify for this extension)</p> <p><i>This flexibility has expired.</i></p>	Available for all credential holders except for holders of a PIP or STSP.	<p>Authority: Commission Action, April 2020 Agenda Item 3A</p> <p>Conditions: Impacted by COVID</p>

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PIP/STSP	<p>Individuals who have served on a PIP or STSP can downgrade to an employer requested Variable Term Waiver (VTW).</p> <p><i>This flexibility has expired.</i></p>	Available for PIP/STSP Holders	<p>Authority: Commission Action, April 2020</p> <p>Condition: Impacted by COVID</p>
VTW	<p>Individuals serving on a VTW may, through an employer, request an additional issuance of the waiver even if the criteria for renewing the waiver have not been met.</p> <p>Requires evidence of school closure, medical reasons, mandated quarantine, or other disruption directly related to COVID.</p> <p><i>This flexibility has expired.</i></p>	Available for all VTW holders	<p>Authority: Commission Action, April 2020</p> <p>Condition: Impacted by COVID</p>