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SUBJECT: Required Documentation When Recommending a California Prepared Education Specialist Level I Credential Holder for a Clear Credential

Summary:

This Program Sponsor Alert provides information about the process for clearing an Education Specialist Level I credential for a California prepared candidate and how teacher induction programs may serve these individuals. A teacher who holds a clear credential, in general education or special education, may apply directly to the Commission for the clear credential in the new credential type—See Required Documentation on the next page.

Background:

There are two requirements to earn a California clear credential for Education Specialist Level 1 holders issued on the basis of completing a preparation program in California. The requirements these individuals must complete to obtain a California clear teaching credential can be found in [Coded Correspondence 18-06](#).

First, holders of Education Specialist Level I credentials must complete a Commission-approved teacher induction program, unless they have previously completed teacher induction for another California credential as outlined in [Credential Information Alert 19-03](#).

Second, in addition to completing a teacher induction program, individuals who hold an Education Specialist Level I credential and were prepared in California must complete the advanced content that was previously included in the Education Specialist Level II programs. Individuals may work with an approved teacher induction program or an approved preliminary Education Specialist preparation program to complete the required content. The Commission-approved teacher induction program will need to verify that the individual has completed the specified advanced content either through the teacher induction program or a preliminary

Education program associated with the credential (Mild to Moderate Disabilities, Moderate to Severe Disabilities, Early Childhood Special Education, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Visual Impairments or Physical Health Impairments) held.

The following Commission links provide the specific required Level II content that must be addressed for each California prepared Education Specialist Level I credential holder:

[Mild to Moderate Disabilities](#)

[Moderate to Severe Disabilities](#)

[Early Childhood Special Education](#)

[Deaf and Hard of Hearing](#)

[Visual Impairments](#)

[Physical and Health Impairments](#)

Required Documentation when Recommending for the California Clear Credential

When recommending the Education Specialist Level I credential holder for the clear credential, the teacher induction program must verify that the individual has completed both teacher induction and the required Level II content. To verify completion of the Level II content the Commission-approved teacher induction program must submit documentation of the completion of the Level II content.

Written documentation, on recommending agency letterhead, verifying the candidate's completion of the advanced content must be included with the recommendation for the California Clear credential to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing. The documentation may be submitted as an attachment to the online recommendation for the clear credential as is described in [CIA 20-01](#). If the teacher holds a clear credential and is applying directly to the Commission, the supporting documentation must be submitted with the application and fee.

References:

[Credential Information Alert 20-01](#): Supporting Documentation Required with Online Recommendations for Clear Teaching Credentials

[Credential Information Alert 19-03](#): Approved Regulations Regarding Teacher Induction Programs and the Issuance of New Type Clear Credentials

[Coded Correspondence 18-06](#): Education Specialist Level I Credential Holders: How to Earn a Clear California Credential

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