



# PROGRAM SPONSOR ALERT

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July 20, 2020

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**SUBJECT: Suspension of All Accreditation Fees – 2020-2021 Fiscal Year**

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## **Summary:**

The 2020-21 California State Budget suspended all accreditation fees which include annual accreditation fees as well as cost recovery accreditation fees for the period between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021.

## **Key Provisions:**

Senate Bill 74: Budget Act of 2020 (Chap. 6, Stats. 2020) which reads:

6360-001-0407 Provision 8. Notwithstanding any other law, the Commission shall suspend the assessment and collection of any annual accreditation fees or accreditation cost recovery fees. This includes, but is not necessarily limited to, fees for any portion of the standard accreditation review cycle, fees for initial institutional or program review, fees for extraordinary accreditation activities, and fees for actual costs related to any and all accreditation activities.

## **Important Dates:**

This one-year suspension of all accreditation fees begins on July 1, 2020 and ends on June 30, 2021.

## **Background:**

Each year, Commission approved program that leads to a license, certificate or other authorization to serve in California's public schools must pay annual accreditation fees. These fees are based on a specified formula and are calculated as of July 1, 2020 each year. Additionally, the Commission charges cost recovery (also called extraordinary) accreditation fees for activities outside the normal accreditation cycle. These cost recovery fees include fees

for new institutions seeking approval by the Commission to offer educator preparation, new program approval, and failure to submit required documentation within specified timelines of the accreditation system.

The California state budget for 2020-21 passed by the legislature and signed by Governor Newsom in June 2020 suspends for one year both annual accreditation fees and cost recovery/extraordinary fees.

Pursuant to the 2020-21 state budget, the Commission will not be distributing invoices to each institution and will not be collecting fees for this current fiscal year. Any fees received will be returned. In addition, the Commission will not be charging for those activities considered within the category of extraordinary fees.

Notwithstanding additional legislation regarding these fees, these fees will resume in July 2021.

**Sources:**

[SB 74 Budget Act of 2020](#) (Chap. 6, Stats. 2020)

**References:**

For more information on Accreditation Fees please see the following webpage:

<https://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/fees>

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