



# PROGRAM SPONSOR ALERT

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July 14, 2021

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PSA 21-06

**SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF ACCREDITATION FEES FOR THE 2021-22 FISCAL YEAR**

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**Summary:**

On June 28, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 128 (Chap 21, Stats. 2021), the Budget Act of 2021. This legislation continued the suspended all accreditation fees, including annual accreditation fees as well as extraordinary accreditation fees, through the period from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

**Key Provisions:**

[Assembly Bill 128: Budget Act of 2021](#) reads as follows:

6360-001-0407, Provision 8: Notwithstanding any other law, the Commission on Teacher Credentialing 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 suspension of all accreditation fees is applicable from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

**Background:**

Each year, Commission-approved program sponsors must pay an annual fee in order to operate educator preparation programs that lead to a license, certificate, or other authorization to serve in California's public schools. These fees are based on a specified formula and are calculated as of July 1 each year. Additionally, the Commission charges extraordinary accreditation fees for activities outside the normal accreditation cycle. These extraordinary fees include fees for new institutions seeking approval by the Commission to offer educator

preparation, new program approvals, and fees assessed due to failure to submit required documentation within specified timelines of the accreditation system.

Previously, the 2020-21 California State Budget suspended all accredited fees for the period from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021. The California State Budget passed by the legislature and signed by Governor Newsom for fiscal year 2021-22 extends the suspension of annual accreditation fees as well as extraordinary fees for another year.

As a result of this legislative action, the Commission will not be distributing invoices to each Commission-approved institution and will not be collecting accreditation fees for 2021-22. Any accreditation fees received will be returned. In addition, the Commission will not be charging for those accreditation activities considered within the category of extraordinary fees.

Notwithstanding additional legislation regarding these fees, these accreditation fees will resume July 1, 2022.

**Sources:**

[Senate Bill 128: Budget Act of 2021](#)

**References:**

For more information on accreditation fees please see the following webpage:

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

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