



# PROGRAM SPONSOR ALERT

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**DATE:**  
July 15, 2021

**NUMBER:**  
21-07

**SUBJECT: Authorization to Teach Theater and/or Dance – Update to PSA 21-04**

**NEW INFORMATION FOR CURRENTLY ENROLLED CANDIDATES IN SINGLE SUBJECT ENGLISH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

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**Summary:**

***This PSA provides updated information on the authorizations to teach Theater or Dance contained in [PSA 21-04](#) issued April 30, 2021.*** This item provides updated information regarding candidates who are currently enrolled in Single Subject credential programs in English or Physical Education who wish to earn the full authorization to teach Theater or Dance in departmentalized settings but who may not be able to complete their current credential program by January 1, 2022.

On January 1, 2021, regulations that authorize Commission-approved teacher preparation programs to offer preparation for candidates in the new Single Subject content areas of Dance and Theater went into effect. The Commission is now accepting applications for new Single Subject credential programs in these areas, and the California Subject Examinations for Teachers (CSET) in both Theater and Dance will be available in October 2021.

In addition to authorizing the implementation of these two new credentials, the regulations clarify the statutory requirement that all Single Subject credentials in the content areas of English and Physical Education initially issued after January 1, 2022 will no longer include the full breadth of the Theater (for English) or Dance (for Physical Education) authorization. Pursuant to [Education Code Section 44257 \(e\)](#), English and Physical Education credentials issued after January 1, 2022 will include more limited theater and dance authorizations that align with the English and Physical Education K-12 student academic content standards and frameworks. The more limited authorization allows these teachers to teach Theater and/or Dance to the extent that these topics are addressed within the scope of the applicable subject matter

requirements for English and/or Physical Education, but no longer authorizes them to teach Theater and/or Dance as departmentalized courses.

Credentials issued in English or in Physical Education before January 1, 2022, as well as subsequent renewals of those credentials, will continue to include the full breadth of the Theater and Dance authorizations, including teaching Theater and/or Dance as departmentalized courses.

**New Information - Impact on Currently Enrolled Single Subject Candidates in English and Physical Education**

At the time that PSA 21-04 was issued, the Commission's review of the statute establishing the Single Subject Theater and Dance credentials indicated that there was no flexibility allowed for any credentials issued after January 1, 2022 in English and Physical Education to include the authorization to teach Theater and Dance as departmentalized courses. Upon further review of relevant sections of the California Education Code, the Commission has determined that candidates who are currently enrolled as of January 1, 2022 in a Single Subject credential program in English and/or Physical Education may earn the full authorization to teach Theater and/or Dance through their current credential programs in English and/or Physical Education, regardless of whether they finish their program after January 1, 2022.

This option will not be available to newly enrolled candidates who enroll in Single Subject English and Physical Education programs after January 1, 2022.

In order for the Commission to know which candidates are eligible for this option and to ensure they receive the correct authorization, the Commission must receive a list from all Single Subject English and Physical Education credential programs of candidates who are currently enrolled in their program who will not be able to complete their program and be recommended for a Single Subject English or Physical Education credential until after January 1, 2022. All candidates enrolled in Single Subject English and Physical Education credential preparation programs prior to January 1, 2022 are eligible to be included on an institution's list. In order for candidates enrolled in Single Subject English or Physical Education credential programs who will not be recommended until after January 1, 2022 to receive the full authorization to teach Theater and/or Dance in departmentalized settings, the program must submit paper recommendations.

All Preliminary Single Subject English and Physical Education programs are asked to submit its list of eligible candidates to [accreditation@ctc.ca.gov](mailto:accreditation@ctc.ca.gov) **by no later than December 15, 2021**. Please email any questions about this process to [accreditation@ctc.ca.gov](mailto:accreditation@ctc.ca.gov).

**Key Provisions:**

Senate Bill 916 (Chapter 652, Statutes of 2016)

**Important Dates (Note: This chart has been updated and replaces the one included in PSA 21-04):**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Actions</u>
April 2020	Theater and Dance Subject Matter Requirements and Teaching Performance Expectations adopted by the Commission
November 2020	Proposed Subject Matter Programs may be submitted for review
January 2021	TPE Alignment for Dance and Theater Single Subject programs may be submitted for review
October 2021	CSET examinations in Theater and Dance available to candidates
December 2021	Commission is expected to set a Passing Standard for the CSET examinations in Theater and Dance
<b>December 15, 2021</b>	<b>Date by which Single Subject credential programs in English and Physical Education need to submit to the Commission their list of candidates completing the program after January 2022 who would be eligible to receive the full authorization for Theater and/or Dance</b>
Jan 2022	Single Subject English and Physical Education limited authorizations go into effect for all other candidates completing their preparation after January 2022

**References:**

[4C: Adoption of Subject Matter Requirements and Teaching Performance Expectations for Theatre and Dance](#)

[Education Code Section 44257 \(e\)](#)

[Submitting a Program Proposal for a new Subject Matter Program](#)

[Adding a New Single Subject Content Area to your Single Subject Teacher Preparation Program](#)

**Contact Information:**

Contact Information for the Professional Services Division is available at the [Professional Services Contact webpage](#).