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VERIFYING SUBJECT-MATTER COMPETENCE BY EXAMINATION For Multiple Subject Teaching Credentials

Individuals may verify subject-matter competence for a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential by passing all portions of the appropriate Commission-approved subject matter examination(s). It is the individual's responsibility to take the appropriate examination(s) and to contact the Commission when questions arise.

Individuals may verify subject-matter competence by passing all portions of the California Subject Examinations for Teachers (CSET), administered by Evaluation Systems, Pearson. Passing exam scores must be used for certification purposes within ten years of the passing test date. This timeframe applies to each subtest score independently. The ten-year limit does not apply to exam scores that have previously been used for certification purposes.

Information about CSET

The CSET Multiple Subjects exam is comprised of three subtests. Each subtest covers specific domains, and each includes multiple-choice and constructed-response items. The three subtests measure knowledge in the following areas:

Subtest and Domains Covered	Items Per Test Form	Passing Score	Test Length
Subtest I (101) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reading, Language and Literature</i> • <i>History and Social Science</i> 	52 multiple-choice (26 in each area) 4 constructed-response (2 in each area)	220	See note below
Subtest II (102) - Until August 6, 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Science</i> • <i>Mathematics</i> 	52 multiple-choice (26 in each area) 4 constructed-response (2 in each area)	220	See note below
Subtest II (214) - Beginning August 7, 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Science</i> • <i>Mathematics</i> 	52 multiple-choice (26 in each area) 4 constructed-response (2 in each area)	220	See note below
Subtest III (103) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Physical Education</i> • <i>Human Development</i> • <i>Visual and Performing Arts</i> 	39 multiple-choice (13 in each area) 3 constructed-response (1 in each area)	220	See note below

Note: Subtests I & II: 3 hours per subtest; Subtest III: 2 hours and 15 minutes.

CSET examinees will also be provided five uninterrupted hours of testing time if completing the 3 subtests in a single session. See the test administrator's website for additional test session options.

Examination Contact Information

To obtain a CSET registration bulletin, fee schedule, and test preparation information, or if you need information about the administration of the examinations, please contact the examination administrator at the phone number, address or website provided below.

CSET Program

Evaluation Systems

Group of Pearson

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Automated system (available 24 hours daily): (800) 205-3334

Website: http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=GEN_Tests.html

Multiple Subjects Plus Writing Skills Examination

In 2007, the CSET: Writing Skills examination (test #142) was added to the group of Multiple Subjects Examinations. Candidates who pass all 3 subtests of the CSET: Multiple Subjects Examination can use passage of the Writing Skills examination to meet the basic skills requirement (BSR) rather than having to pass all sections of the separate CBEST exam. Passing exam scores used to meet the BSR only remain valid indefinitely. See www.ctcexams.nesinc.com for more information.

Questions

If you have questions about the subject-matter examinations required for your credential, you can call the Commission at (916) 322-4974 Monday thru Friday 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM, or send an email to credentials@ctc.ca.gov.

Applying for Your Multiple Subject Teaching Credential

Verifying subject-matter competence is only one of the required steps to obtaining a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential. Please refer to the leaflets below for specific requirements:

- Individuals Prepared in California ([CL-561C](#))
- Individuals Prepared Out-of-State ([CL-561](#))
- Individuals Prepared Outside of the United States ([CL-871](#))