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PROVISIONAL INTERNSHIP PERMIT

The Provisional Internship Permit (PIP) was created in response to the phasing out of emergency permits and became effective on July 1, 2005. It allows an employing agency to fill an immediate staffing need by hiring an individual who has not yet met the subject matter competence requirement needed to enter an intern program. Prior to requesting a PIP, the employing agency must verify that a diligent search has been made, and a fully-credentialed teacher cannot be found.

In addition, individuals who previously passed subject matter exams in an area other than an NCLB core academic subject area may now find they are unable to enter an intern program to obtain the preliminary education specialist credential. Persons in this circumstance may also be issued the PIP to allow time for them to complete subject matter in an NCLB core academic subject area.

The PIP is only available at the request of an employing agency. Individuals may not apply directly to the Commission for this document. Holders of the PIP are restricted to service with the employing agency requesting the permit. An employing agency is defined as a California public school district, county office of education, nonpublic, nonsectarian school and agency as defined in Education Code sections 56365 and 56366, charter school, or statewide agency.

The PIP is available in the areas of Multiple Subject, Single Subject, and Education Specialist. Individuals who were issued four or fewer Long-Term Emergency Permits may be issued one PIP as long as the employer requirements have been met. Individuals who were issued five Long-Term Emergency Permits do not qualify for the PIP.

Requirements for Issuance

1. Possession of a baccalaureate degree or higher from a regionally-accredited college or university
2. Satisfy the [basic skills requirement](#). See Commission leaflet [CL-667](#), entitled *Basic Skills Requirement* for additional information.
3. Successful completion of course work for the permit type requested, as specified below:

Single Subject: A degree major in the subject area or at least 18 semester units, or 9 upper division semester units, of course work in the subject to be listed on the permit.*

For a permit in one of the science subjects, at least nine semester units must be in the specific science area. For a permit in Foundational-Level General Science, an individual has two options. First is to verify a bachelor's or higher degree in science. This includes biological science, chemistry, geoscience, physics, and science areas that fall within these broad categories such as anatomy, earth science, and oceanography. This does not include a degree in health science. Second is to verify 18 semester units (or nine upper division semester units) across the four science areas of biological science, chemistry, geosciences, and physics. A minimum of one course in each of the four areas is required.

The statutory subjects available for Single Subject Provisional Internship Permit are as follows:

Agriculture	Physical Education
Art	Science: Biological Sciences
Business	Science: Chemistry
English	Science: Geosciences
Foundational-Level General Science	Science: Physics
Foundational-Level Mathematics	Social Science
Health Science	World Language: English Language
Home Economics	Development
Industrial and Technology Education	World Languages-Languages other
Mathematics	than English (specify)
Music	

Multiple Subject: A degree major in liberal studies or 40 semester units including 10 semester units of course work in each of at least four of the following subject areas or at least 10 semester units of course work in each of three of the subject areas and an additional 10 semester units in a combination of two of the remaining subject areas.* Subject areas include language studies, history, literature, humanities, mathematics, the arts, science, physical education, social science, and human development.

Education Specialist: Complete the requirements for the Single Subject or Multiple Subject as listed above, or verify a minimum of three years of successful full-time classroom experience, or the equivalent in part-time experience, working with special education students (experience as an aide is acceptable) or verify a minimum of nine semester units of course work in special education or in a combination of special education and general education.*

Areas of specialization for the Education Specialist PIP include:

Mild/Moderate Disabilities	Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Moderate/Severe Disabilities	Physical and Health Impairments
Visual Impairments	Language and Academic Development

The PIP may not be issued in the specialty area of Early Childhood Special Education alone as subject matter competence is not required for the issuance of a credential.

All course work must meet the following criteria:

- Must be completed at a regionally-accredited college or university
- Must be baccalaureate degree-applicable (non-remedial)
- Must be earned with a “C” grade or higher (“Pass” and “Credit” grades meet this requirement)

* *Individuals who were previously issued an emergency permit in the same subject area of the requested PIP will not be required to submit verification of this requirement. If the subject matter requirement for the emergency permit was met by passage of all appropriate subject matter examinations, the individual will not qualify for the PIP.*

4. The employing agency must verify all of the following on the form entitled *Verification of Requirements for the Provisional Internship Permit* (form CL-857) with each request for the Provisional Internship Permit:

- A diligent search has been conducted for a suitable credentialed teacher or suitable qualified intern teacher. Diligent search must include, but is not limited to, distributing job

announcements, contacting college and university placement centers, and advertising in print or electronic media. Copies of all recruitment efforts must be submitted with the application packet.

- The employer has provided orientation, guidance and assistance to the permit holder
- The employing agency will assist the permit holder in developing a personalized plan through an agency-defined assessment that would lead to meeting subject matter competence related to the permit
- The employing agency will assist the permit holder to seek and enroll in subject matter training, such as workshops or seminars and site-based courses along with training in test-taking strategies and will assist the permit holder in meeting subject matter competence related to the permit
- The candidate has been apprised of steps to earn a credential and enroll in an intern program
- The employing agency will ensure a notice of intent to employ the applicant in the identified position has been made

Public school districts must present this notice to the governing board in a public meeting with a signed statement from the superintendent, or his or her designee, and verification that the item was acted upon favorably. **This must be an action item on the agenda and not part of the consent agenda.** A copy of the agenda item must be submitted with the application packet.

County offices of education, nonpublic, nonsectarian schools and agencies as defined in Education Code sections 56365 and 56366, statewide agencies, and charter schools must submit a copy of the dated public notice that was posted 72 hours prior to the position being filled.

5. Completed application ([form 41-4](#)), [processing fee](#), and if not previously submitted, a completed Live Scan receipt ([form 41-LS](#))

One-Time Renewal

For a PIP initially issued **before October 1, 2013**, the employing agency may request a one-time only renewal if the holder has taken but not passed **all** the subject matter examinations appropriate to the credential that authorizes the service listed on the permit.* The holder of an Education Specialist PIP must take all appropriate subject matter examinations as determined by the recommending college or university. The renewal packet should include an application ([form 41-4](#)), a new Verification of Requirements for the Provisional Internship Permit (form CL-857) including all appropriate documentation, and [current processing fee](#).

- ▶ *If the holder has passed all appropriate subject matter exams, he or she should contact a California college or university or school district with a [Commission-approved intern program](#) regarding enrollment.*

- * The last date to submit an application for the Provisional Internship Permit in one of the Specialized Science content areas was January 1, 2015. The Provisional Internship Permit (only those initially issued prior to October 1, 2013) can no longer be reissued in one of these content areas.

Individuals may have been issued one Education Specialist PIP and during its term passed subject matter exams in an area other than an NCLB core academic subject area. As a temporary policy, the Commission allowed these persons to renew the Education Specialist PIP for another year to allow time to complete

subject matter in an NCLB core academic subject area. This policy ended July 1, 2012. NCLB core academic single subject areas include:

- ❖ Art
- ❖ English
- ❖ Foreign Language
- ❖ Mathematics, including Foundational-Level Mathematics
- ❖ Music
- ❖ Science, including Foundational-Level General Science and Specialized Science
- ❖ Social Science

In addition, the elementary level is an NCLB Core Academic Subject Area which may be demonstrated in California by passing the appropriate Commission-approved examinations for the Multiple Subject Credential.

Authorization

The Multiple Subject PIP authorizes the holder to teach in a self-contained classroom such as the classrooms in most elementary schools. However, a teacher authorized for multiple subject instruction may be assigned to teach in any self-contained classroom (preschool, K-12, or in classes organized primarily for adults). In addition, the holder of a Multiple Subject PIP may serve in a core or team teaching setting.*

The Single Subject PIP authorizes the holder to teach the specific subject(s) named on the credential in departmentalized classes such as those in most middle schools and high schools. However, a teacher authorized for single subject instruction may be assigned to teach any subject in his or her authorized fields at any grade level (preschool, grades K-12, or in classes organized primarily for adults).*

The Education Specialist PIP authorizes the holder to teach in the area of specialization listed on the credential in the following settings: special day classes, special schools, home/hospital settings, correctional facilities, nonpublic, nonsectarian schools and agencies as defined in Education Code sections 56365 and 56366, and resource rooms.*

* *All PIPs are issued with an English learner authorization. This authorization allows the holder to teach English language development (also known as English as a Second Language or ESL) and specially designed academic instruction delivered in English (SDAIE) in the specified grade level(s) and settings.*

Bilingual Authorizations

Bilingual Authorizations may be requested by the employing agency and added directly to a PIP document if target-language proficiency has been verified. Additional information may be found in [Coded Correspondence 10-07](#).

Individuals may verify target-language proficiency by one of the following methods:

- Pass Test II or III (depending on the specific language) of the CSET: World Languages Examinations in the target language. Passing exam scores are valid for five years from the individual test date.
- If Test II or III of the CSET: World Languages Examination is not available, pass an assessment performed by an approved organization covering the integrated communication skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing in the target language

- Pass an assessment covering the integrated communication skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing administered by a California college or university as a part of its Commission-approved bilingual authorization program in the target language
- Possess a valid, non-emergency California Single Subject or Standard Secondary Teaching Credential with a major in the target language
- Possess a three-year or higher degree from a foreign institution in which all instruction was delivered in the target language. The foreign institution must be equivalent in status to a regionally-accredited institution of higher education in the United States.

Period of Validity

The PIP will be issued for one year.

Reference: Title 5, California Code of Regulations, Section 80021.1