



## Professional Fitness Explanation Form

The Professional Fitness section of each application contains six questions. If you answered yes to any question, you must submit an Explanation Form **for each incident**, even if the incident was previously disclosed. If you are reporting convictions, each conviction must be disclosed on a separate explanation form.

**Special note regarding criminal convictions or pending criminal charges:**

You are required to disclose all misdemeanor or felony criminal convictions including those based on a plea of no contest. You must disclose a conviction no matter how much time has passed, even if the case has been dismissed pursuant to Penal Code section 1203.4. In accordance with Health & Safety Code sections 11361.5 and 11361.7, you may omit misdemeanor marijuana-related convictions that occurred more than two years prior to this application, except convictions involving concentrated cannabis, which must be disclosed regardless of the date of such a conviction.

If you are disclosing a conviction, employer action, investigation, or adverse action that you **previously disclosed** to the Commission, you must provide an explanation but you do **not** need to submit additional documentation. Your explanation must include dates, location, type of action taken, what you were charged with and convicted of, and agency and/or employer name.

**Warning:** Failure to disclose any required information is falsification of your application and the Commission may reject or deny your application or take disciplinary action against your credential. Failure to submit the required explanation or documentation may result in your application being rejected.

**Using this form:**

This form contains five sections. Determine which sections apply to each incident and complete the required information.

<b><i>If you answered yes to...</i></b>	<b><i>Complete the following section of this form...</i></b> <i>(click the section letter below to be transported to that section)</i>
Question <b>a</b>	<a href="#">Section A</a>
Question <b>b</b>	<a href="#">Section B</a>
Question <b>c</b>	<a href="#">Section C</a>
Question <b>d</b>	<a href="#">Section D</a>
Question <b>e, f</b>	<a href="#">Section E</a>

**Section A:** Required information for yes answer to Professional Fitness Question a.

**NOTE:** You must provide copies of the following documents regarding the action below: district investigation reports, police reports, Statement of Charges, Accusations, request for hearing, final decision, letter of resignation or retirement, settlement agreements, and/or any other related documents. Failure to provide documentation will result in your application being denied.

For question a, indicate the action taken:	
Dismissed	Effective date: _____
Retired	Effective date: _____
Resigned	Effective date: _____
Non-reelected	Effective date: _____
Suspended without pay	Effective dates: _____

Name of employer at time of action:	
Address:	
Telephone number:	Contact person (if known):

Describe in detail the incident(s) that resulted in the above action (attach additional sheets if necessary):

**Section B:** Required information for yes answer to Professional Fitness Question b.

**NOTE:** You must provide a copy of the investigative report and a certified copy of the court docket regarding the incident(s) below. Failure to provide documentation will result in the rejection of your application.

Was the conviction dismissed or expunged pursuant to California Penal Code section 1203.4 or if an out-of-state conviction, that jurisdiction's comparable statute? If yes, provide a certified copy of the dismissal.

Was a felony reduced to a misdemeanor under California Penal Code section 17(b), or if an out-of-state conviction, that jurisdiction's comparable statute? If yes, provide a certified copy of the reduction.

Date of conviction:
Date of offense:
List the code section(s) violated, including whether each count was a misdemeanor or a felony:

Location of offense:
Name of law enforcement agency:
Jurisdiction (name of court):

Convicted by:
Jury trial                      Guilty plea
Court trial                    No contest or nolo contendere plea
Sentence and conditions of probations, if any:

Describe the incident(s) leading to your arrest and conviction in detail (attach additional sheets if necessary):

**Section C:** Required information for yes answer to Professional Fitness Question c.

**NOTE:** You must provide a copy of the investigative report and a certified copy of the court docket (if any) regarding the incident(s) below. Failure to provide documentation will result in the rejection of your application.

Provide an explanation of inquiry or investigation:

What is the current status of the inquiry or investigation
Ongoing (when was the investigation started): _____
Completed (when): _____

Location:
Name of agency, department, or law enforcement agency conducting the inquiry or investigation:
Jurisdiction (name of court):

Were children involved:	No	Yes
If yes, indicate how:		

Did the incident(s) occur on school grounds:	No	Yes
If yes, what school and school district:		

Describe the incident(s) resulting in the inquiry or investigation in detail (attach additional sheets if necessary):

**Section D:** Required information for yes answer to Professional Fitness Question d.

**NOTE:** You must provide a copy of the investigative report and a certified copy of the court docket (if any) regarding the incident(s) below. Failure to provide documentation will result in the rejection of your application.

List the pending charges, including whether each count is a misdemeanor or felony:

In what jurisdiction (court) are the charges pending?
Date(s) of alleged criminal conduct
Name of arresting or investigating agency:

Were children involved:	No	Yes
If yes, indicate how:		

Did the incident(s) occur on school grounds:	No	Yes
If yes, what school and school district:		

Describe the incident(s) resulting in the filing of these charges in detail (attach additional sheets if necessary):

**Section E:** Required information for yes answer to Professional Fitness Question e or f.

**NOTE:** You must provide a copy of any documents provided to you by the agency that took the action described below. Failure to provide documentation will result in the rejection of your application.

List the applicable license(s) or credential(s):			
License number(s):			
Action(s) taken:			
Private Admonition	Date:	_____	
Public Reproval	Date	_____	
Suspension	Dates:	_____	How Long? _____
Fine	Date:	_____	Amount? _____
Revocation	Date:	_____	
Denial of application	Date:	_____	
- Were you subsequently granted?	NO	YES	When? _____
Probation (provide the term)			
_____			
Other Explain:			
_____			
_____			
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Agency's name:	
Address:	
Telephone number:	Contact person (if known):

Location of misconduct:		
Were children involved:	No	Yes
If yes, indicate how:		
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Did the incident(s) occur on school grounds:	No	Yes
If yes, what school and school district:		

Describe the incident(s) resulting in the inquiry or investigation in detail (attach additional sheets if necessary):

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Mail all documents to:  
Commission On Teacher Credentialing  
Division of Professional Practices  
1900 Capitol Avenue  
Sacramento, CA 95811-4213

Please use the following [“DPP Document Submission Form,”](#) which will assist DPP staff in processing your application in a timely fashion.

**50-day deadline does not apply:** Education Code section 44350 requires the Commission to process an application within 50 business days of receipt. The timeline pertains to all applications whether submitted online or by paper through the U.S mail. The only exceptions to the 50-day processing timeline are applications submitted by individuals who must undergo a professional fitness review.