

CERTIFICATION

Verification of Credentials

The Superintendent or designee shall verify that each employee in a position requiring certification qualifications possesses a valid credential or permit issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC). Such verification shall occur not later than 60 days after the commencement of employment or the renewal of a credential and shall be registered with the county office of education. (Education Code 44857)

- (cf. 4112.21 – Interns)
- (cf. 4112.22 – Staff Teaching English Language Learners)
- (cf. 4112.23 – Special Education Staff)
- (cf. 4112.24 – Teacher Qualifications under the No Child Left Behind Act)
- (cf. 4121 – Temporary/Substitute Personnel)
- (cf. 5148 – Child Care and Development)
- (cf. 6178 Career Technical Education)
- (cf. 6178.2 – Regional Occupational Center/Program)
- (cf. 6200 – Adult Education)

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain records of the appropriate certification of all employees serving in certificated positions.

- (cf. 3580 – District Records)
- (cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 – Personnel Records)

Basic Skills Proficiency Test

The district shall not initially hire on a permanent, temporary, or substitute basis, a certificated person seeking employment in a capacity designated in his/her credential unless the person has demonstrated basic skills proficiency in reading, writing, and mathematics, or is specifically exempted from this requirement by law. (Education Code 44252, 44252.6, 44830)

The district may hire a certificated teacher who has not taken a test of basic skills proficiency if he/she has not yet been afforded the opportunity to take the test. The employee shall take the test at the earliest opportunity and may remain employed by the district pending the receipt of his/her test results. (Education Code 44830)

An out-of-state prepared teacher shall meet the basic skills requirement within one year of being issued a California preliminary credential by the CTC unless he/she has completed a basic skills proficiency test in another state or is otherwise exempted by law. An out-of-state prepared teacher applying to the CTC for a one-year nonrenewable credential pending completion of the basic skills requirement shall pass the district's basic skills proficiency test which is at least equivalent to the district test required for high school graduation. (Education Code 44252, 44274.2; 5 CCR 80071.4, 80413.3)

- (cf. 6146.1 – High School Graduation Requirements)

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(cf. 6146.2 – Certificate of Proficiency)
(cf. 6162.5 – High School Exit Examination)

Any person holding or applying for a designated subjects special subjects credential which does not require possession of a bachelor's degree shall pass the district proficiency test in lieu of meeting the state basic skills requirement (Education Code 44252, 44830)

Short-Term Staff Permit

The district may request that the CTC issue a short-term permit (STSP) to an applicant who meets the qualifications specified in 5 CCR 80021 whenever there is a need to immediately fill a classroom based on unforeseen circumstances, including but not limited to: (5 CCR 80021)

1. Enrollment adjustments requiring the addition of another teacher
2. Inability of the teacher of record to finish the school year due to approved leave or illness
3. The applicant's need for additional time to compete preservice requirements for enrollment into an approved internship program
4. Inability of the applicant to enroll in an approved internship program due to timelines or lack of space in the program
5. Unavailability of a third-year extension of an internship program or the applicant's withdrawal from an internship program

When requesting issuance of a STSP, the district shall submit to the CTC: (5 CCR 80021)

1. Verification that it has conducted a local recruitment for the ~~short-term staff~~ permit being requested
2. Verification that it has provided the permit holder with orientation to the curriculum and to instruction and classroom management techniques, and has assigned a mentor teacher for the term of the permit
(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
3. Written justification for the permit signed by the Superintendent or designee

The holder of an STSP may be assigned to provide the same service as a holder of a multiple subject, single subject or education specialist credential in accordance with the authorizations specified on the permit. (5CCR 80021)

Personnel

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Provisional Internship Permit

The district may request that the CTC issue a provisional internship permit (PIP) to an applicant who meets the qualifications specified in 5 CCR 80021.1 whenever a suitable credentialed teacher cannot be found after a diligent search. The district shall verify all of the following: (5 CCR 80021.1, 80026.5)

1. A diligent search has been conducted for a suitable credentialed teacher or suitable qualified intern as evidenced by documentation of the search.

The search shall include, but not be limited to, distributing job announcements, contacting college and university placement centers, and advertising in print or electronic media.

(cf. 4111/4211/4311 – Recruitment and Selection)

2. Orientation, guidance, and assistance shall be provided to the permit holder as specified in 5 CCR 80026.5.

The orientation shall include, but not be limited to, an overview of the curriculum the permit holder is expected to teach and effective instruction and classroom management techniques at the permit holder's assigned level. The Superintendent or designee shall assign an experienced educator to guide and assist the permit holder. (~~5 CCR 80026.5~~)

3. The district shall assist the permit holder in developing a personalized plan through a district selected assessment that would lead to subject-matter competence related to the permit.
4. The district shall 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 shall assist the permit holder in meeting the credential subject-matter competence requirement related to the permit.
5. A notice of intent to employ the applicant in the identified position has been made public.

The district shall submit a copy of the agenda item presented at a public Board meeting which shall state the name of the applicant, the assignment in which the applicant will be employed including the name of the school, subject(s), and grade(s) that he/she will be teaching, and that the applicant will be employed on the basis of a provisional internship permit (PIP). The district also shall submit a signed statement from the Superintendent or designee that the agenda item was acted upon favorably.

6. The candidate has been apprised of steps to earn a credential and enroll in an internship program.

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The holder of a PIP may be assigned to provide the same service as a holder of a multiple subject, single subject, or educational specialist credential in accordance with the authorizations specified on the permit. (5 CCR 80021.1)

Credential Waiver/Long -Term Emergency Permits

If a teacher who has completed a teacher preparation program is unavailable for an assignment, the district shall make reasonable efforts to recruit an individual for the assignment in the following order: (Education Code 44225.7)

1. A candidate who is qualified to participate in and enrolls in an approved internship program in the region of the district
2. A candidate who is scheduled to complete preliminary credential requirements within six months and who is provided orientation, guidance and assistance by the district.

If an individual who meets the criteria specified in item #1 or 2 above is not available to the district, the district may, as a last resort, request from the CTC a credential waiver or an emergency permit for the assignment of an individual who does not meet those criteria. (Education Code 44225.7; 5 CCR 80023-80023-2, 80026)

The district may request an emergency permit authorizing resource specialist, Crosscultural, Language and Academia Development (CLAD), bilingual or teacher librarian services.

In order to request an emergency permit, the district shall annually submit a Board-approved Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators on a form provided by the CTC. The declaration shall include certification that the district has made reasonable efforts to recruit a fully prepared teacher for the assignment. (Education Code 44225.7; 5 CCR 80023.2, 80026)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide any first-time recipient of an emergency teaching permit with an orientation to teaching which, to the extent reasonably feasible, shall occur before he/she begins a teaching assignment. The orientation shall include, but not be limited to, the curriculum the teacher is expected to teach and effective techniques of classroom instruction at the assigned grade-level span. The emergency permit holder also shall receive guidance and assistance from an experienced educator who is a certificated district employee or a certificated retiree from a California district or county office of education and who has completed at least three years of full-time classroom teaching experience. (5 CCR 80026.5)
(cf. 4117.14/4317.14 – Postretirement Employment)

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Emergency Substitute Teaching Permits

The district may employ, for day-to-day substitute teaching, at any grade level, a person with an emergency substitute permit issued by the CTC with the following restrictions:

1. A person holding an emergency 30-day substitute permit, or any valid teaching or services credential that requires at least a bachelor's degree and completion of the CBEST, shall not serve as a substitute for more than 30 days for any one teacher during the school year. He/she shall not serve as a substitute in a special education classroom for more than 20 days for any one teacher during the school year. (5 CCR 80025, 80025.3, 80025.4)
2. A person with an emergency career substitute teaching permit shall not serve as a substitute for more than 60 days for any one teacher during the school year. (5 CCR 80025.1)
3. A person with an emergency substitute permit for prospective teachers shall not serve as a substitute for more than 30 days for any one teacher during the school year and not more than 90 days total during the school year. (5 CCR 80025.2)
4. A person with an emergency substitute permit for career technical education shall teach only in a program of technical, trade, or vocational education and not serve as a substitute for more than 30 days for any one teacher during the school year. (5 CCR 80025.5)

Before employing any person with an Emergency Substitute Permit pursuant to item #1 or 4 above, the Superintendent or designee shall prepare and keep on file a signed Statement of Need for the school year. The Statement of Need shall describe the situation or circumstances that necessitate the use of a 30-day substitute permit holder and state either that a credentialed person is not available or that the available credentialed person does not meet the district's specified employment criteria. (5 CCR 80025, 80025.5)

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