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The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing recently announced a change to the current regulations. The new regulations are effective January 1, 2014.

Key Changes to the Current Regulations

Pedagogy (Methodology)

Pedagogy courses used to add a content area must align with the specific content area requested for Multiple Subjects Credential holders seeking a new Single Subject Credential and for Single Subject Credential holders seeking to add a new content area to an existing credential. For example, an individual holding a Single Subject Credential in physical education seeking to add mathematics as a new content area must complete a departmentalized pedagogy course specific to teaching mathematics. Generic courses that target no specific subject areas, as might be labeled "Secondary Methods," would not meet this requirement. [UCSD does not anticipate offering any pedagogy \(methodology\) courses for open enrollment until Fall 2014, at the earliest.](#)

Reading/Reading Instruction Competency Assessment (RICA)

Single Subject Credential holders seeking the Multiple Subjects Credential are required to complete both a reading course and the RICA, removing the option to complete only one or the other.

English Learner Authorization

All individuals seeking to earn a new teaching credential type or additional content area using must complete the requirements for earning an English Learner Authorization. Educators earning a credential based on completion of a program from out-of-state or outside the United States will now have to meet the English learner requirement before they can be issued any additional credential type or content area.

National Board Certification (NBC)

Holders of the Multiple Subjects Credential can earn a new type Single Subject Credential based on completion of NBC in a comparable single subject content area. Single Subject Credential holders will also be able to add a new content area to an existing credential based on completion of NBC in a new content area. Due to issues of No Child Left Behind compliance, holders of a Single Subject Credential, or previously issued equivalent general education teaching credential, seeking to earn a Multiple Subjects Credential based on NBC using this option must pass the California Subject Examination for Teachers (CSET): Multiple Subjects examination.

Out-of-State Credential Holders

The approved regulations also allow individuals issued a comparable professional level teaching credential by another state or U.S. Territory to meet the requirement to add a teaching credential or content area. An individual holding a Multiple Subjects Credential may use an out-of-state credential with a departmentalized classroom teaching authorization that is comparable to a content area currently issued in California to obtain the Single Subject Credential. In addition, an individual holding a Single Subject Credential may use an out-of-state credential with an elementary education or self-contained classroom teaching authorization to obtain the Multiple Subjects Credential.

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What if you are trying to add your new credential or area based upon the current 2013 regulations?

In order to have this option you must have completed all the current requirements before December 31, 2013. This includes any courses or test such as the CSET or RICA.

Application received by Commission no later than December 31, 2013

To qualify under the 2013 regulations, educators who may presently be in the process of taking examinations or coursework must complete all requirements for the new credential or content area and submit their application to the Commission, using either a paper application or the online direct web application, no later than December 31, 2013.

Application received by Commission between January 1, 2014 and April 1, 2014

If you try to apply under the 2013 regulations after January 1, 2014, then the following is your only option: Application based on completing the current requirements by December 31, 2013 may be received by the Commission up to April 1, 2014 *if the application is filed through an employing agency or program sponsor* but it must have an issuance date prior to January 1, 2014. Application using this route filed through an employer or program sponsor must be paper application.

What if you complete part of the current requirements, but not all by December 31, 2013?

Your only option would be to fulfill the new requirements in order to add a teaching credential or content area to your existing credential.

So if you are waiting to take the CSET exam and you took a generic methodology course such, as might be labeled "Secondary Methods", you now would need to take another methodology course in the departmentalized area that you are seeking your new credential in.

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