

Designated Subjects Special Subjects (DSSS) Teaching Credentials: Regulation Changes

(Effective January 1, 2015)

Earning a Clear Designated Subjects Special Subject (DSS):

The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing recently announced a change to the current regulations. The new regulations are effective January 1, 2015.

Key Changes to the Current Regulations

Coursework requirement

Designated Subjects credentials and require holders of DSSS credentials initially issued on or after January 1, 2015 to complete Commission-approved Career Technical Education (CTE) programs to qualify for the clear credential.

Preliminary DSSS Credential Issued Prior to January 1, 2015

Individuals issued preliminary DSSS credentials and enrolled in a Special Subjects program prior to January 1, 2015 may complete the Special Subjects program based on prior guidelines or transition to a CTE program to qualify for the clear credential. The program sponsor will be responsible for indicating the type of program completed at the time individuals are recommended for the clear credential.

Level I and Level II Coursework

The Level I and Level II Coursework will last be offered in Fall 2015 at UCSD Extension. After that time your only option to clear will be through the CTE required courses. So if you were admitted to the Special Subject program offered through the [San Diego County Office of Education \(SDCOE\)](#) you should plan to complete all your required coursework before the end of Fall 2015. After that point you will need to contact your program sponsor to see what options you may have.

Preliminary DSSS Credential Issued on or After January 1, 2015

All applications for initial preliminary DSSS credentials with a requested issuance date of January 1, 2015 or later must be submitted to the Commission for processing by a Commission-approved CTE program sponsor. Employing school districts do not have authority to recommend individuals for DSSS credentials, even if previously authorized to do so by an approved program sponsor.

Approved Program Sponsors for Special Subjects:

Commission List: http://cig.ctc.ca.gov/cig/CTC_apm/DS_ss.php

Education Department contact information:

Phone: (858) 534-9286

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Web site: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov>