

APPLICATION FOR CREDENTIAL AUTHORIZING PUBLIC SCHOOL SERVICE ([Form 41-4](#))

Instruction and Information Sheet

This application form may be used to apply for or renew any credential, certificate, or permit type with the exception of variable term waivers. **A separate application form and fee is required for each credential for which you apply.**

APPLICATION FORM

You must use the current version of application form 41-4. It is available for download from the Commission's website at <http://www.etc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/414.pdf>. Type or print all information requested on the application form. Applications not completely and accurately filled in and accompanied by all required supporting materials will be returned to the applicant. It is advisable to print a copy of the completed application and keep it with your records until your credential is issued.

You must provide the Commission with a valid email address on your application form to receive the automated emails that will notify you of your application and credential status.

If you are employed on an emergency permit (other than a 30-Day or Prospective Substitute Permit), Limited Assignment Permit, Short-Term Staff Permit, Provisional Internship Permit, or one-year nonrenewable credential, you must apply through your employing agency.

If you are completing a professional preparation program through a Commission-approved program sponsor, the program sponsor will initiate the application process by submitting the application to the Commission electronically on your behalf. If you are not currently completing your professional preparation program or employed in the public schools of California, you may send your application directly to the Commission.

Supporting Documentation

Each time you submit a new application, you are responsible for providing appropriate official transcripts, letters verifying experience, examination score reports, and other information needed to determine your eligibility for the current issuance of the credential. Transcripts or other supporting materials sent separately from the submission of an application and payment will be returned to the sender without further action. The Commission does not maintain pending files and cannot match pieces of an application that arrive separately.

Supporting documentation, including transcripts, will not be returned. The Commission does not maintain a file of all supporting materials sent with every application. Educators should retain a copy of each application and the related supporting materials submitted to the Commission for reference. Requirements may be subject to change and are fully referenced in California Code of Regulations, Title 5, and the California Education Code.

Unless otherwise specified, the term "credential" means any type of credential, certificate, or permit issued by the Commission.

FEES

Please refer to the Commission's fee schedule (Credential Leaflet [CL-659](#)) to determine the amount due. You may pay by check or money order, made payable to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing or CTC. Do not send cash. **A service charge of \$20 will be assessed for a check that does not clear the bank and your credential may be voided until all fees due are paid in full.** If you are applying through a county office of education or school district office, you may be asked to make the check payable to that agency so that they can submit a single check to the Commission for all of their applicants. **Applications submitted without the appropriate payment will not be processed and will be returned.**

Following the submission of the application, fee, and supporting materials, the application will be evaluated to verify eligibility for the document requested. If your application or a letter is returned to you requesting additional information, you must follow the directions included, attach the requested documentation, and resubmit all items within 60 days of the date of the letter received or a new application fee is required.

Your application and fee remain valid for sixty (60) days (Reference: Title 5, California Code of Regulations, section 80487). Application fees are earned upon receipt and are not refundable. If you do not qualify for the credential type originally applied for, the fee cannot be used to apply for another credential type. If requirements for a document are met after the initial submission of an application, a new application and fee will be required.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

You are required to complete *all* the pertinent spaces in the Personal Information section, including your full legal name and list all former names, including your maiden name, if applicable. Additionally, you are required to provide your full Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN) on your application pursuant to 42 USC §666 and California Family Code §17520. If this information is not furnished, your application will be returned to you for completion. See [Coded Correspondence 13-14](#) on the Commission's website for more information.

You are required to notify the Commission of any address change pursuant to 5 CCR §80412. An address change may be completed online using the [Educator Page](#) button on the Commission's website to edit your personal profile.

Privacy

The California Information Practices Act and the Federal Privacy Act provide that agencies requesting information indicate the principal purposes for which that information is used. Your name, former names, SSN, date of birth, address, email address, and telephone numbers are used to provide proper identification of your file and, if necessary, to contact you. Other information is used to determine your eligibility.

Information displayed online regarding the documents you hold or have held is public information and may be disclosed. In addition, pursuant to Education Code section 44230 the Commission may disclose to the agency that submitted the application all information provided with applications submitted by you through that agency. Information may also be disclosed to other State or Federal agencies as authorized by law. Personal information may be disclosed to the public only with your permission or in accordance with the law. The information is necessary for the Commission to perform its duty under Education Code sections 44200-44439.

You have a right to review personal information maintained on you by the Commission unless access is exempted by law. The Director of the Certification Division, 1900 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, California 95811-4213, is responsible for the maintenance of this information.

TYPE OF CREDENTIAL

Use the drop down box next to **OPTIONS** to select the option appropriate to the purpose of the application. If an appropriate option is not listed, you can type in that space your reason for submitting the application. Select the type of credential you are applying for by using the drop-down selections below the heading. **A separate application form and fee is required for each type of credential for which you apply.**

If applicable, include the term, subject(s) or specialty areas, and supplementary or subject matter authorizations that may apply. If you do not find a box appropriate to the credential type you are requesting, you may write or type your request in using the *Comments* section on page 4 of the application form.

Note: Abbreviations found on the application form following the title of credentials such as (PT) for Substitute Permit or (P6) for Administrative Services are for internal Commission use only.

RENEWALS: All clear credentials and Emergency 30-Day Substitute Permits must be renewed online. The processing time for credentials renewed online is approximately 10 working days.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT PERMIT RENEWAL: SELF-VERIFICATION

If you are renewing a Child Development Permit (except the Associate Teacher Permit), you may either complete the self-verification section on the application form or submit the [Professional Growth Plan and Record Form CL-826](#) along with your application. If you choose to self-verify the completion of your professional growth activities, you may be subject to an audit. If the audit determines that you did not complete the professional growth requirements, your credential will not be renewed and you may be subject to adverse action on other credentials you currently hold. You must retain your Professional Growth Plan and Record Form for one year following the submission of your application.

PROFESSIONAL FITNESS QUESTIONS

You are required to answer all Professional Fitness Questions. Before granting your application, the Commission will review your criminal history, if any, from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and California Department of Justice, a national database of teacher misconduct, previous reviews by the Commission, complaints from those with first-hand knowledge of misconduct, notifications from school districts, and teacher preparation test score violations.

You must disclose misconduct, even if:

- It happened a long time ago
- It happened in another state, federal court, military or jurisdiction outside the United States
- You did not go to court and your attorney went for you
- You did not go to jail or the sentence was only a fine or probation
- You received a certificate of rehabilitation
- Your conviction was later dismissed (even if under Penal Code section 1203.4), expunged, set aside or the sentence was suspended

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.



Warning: Failure to disclose any information requested is falsification of your application and the Commission may reject or deny your application or take disciplinary action against your credential. If you answer “yes” to a question, you must complete a [Professional Fitness Explanation Form](#) and provide all requested documentation. If any of the records have been purged or are otherwise not available, provide an original statement from the agency on its official letterhead verifying that fact.

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT MANDATED REPORTING

Pursuant to Education Code section 44252, you must read this section and check the box “I agree” verifying that you understand your duties under the Child Neglect and Abuse Reporting Act (Penal Code §11164). Applications received by the Commission after January 1, 2015 must include the mandatory reporter acknowledgement or they will be returned to the sender for completion of this information.

OATH AND AFFIDAVIT

Complete this section and certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of California that all the foregoing statements in this application are true and correct by signing the oath.

FINGERPRINT INFORMATION

California Residents

If this is your first application for a credential, certificate, or permit, you will need to submit verification that you have had your fingerprints taken electronically by submitting a Live Scan receipt with your application packet. California residents do not have the option of submitting fingerprint cards. A copy of the Live Scan form may be found on the Commission's website at <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/41-LS.pdf>.

Three copies of the form will be needed for the Live Scan operator. A current listing of Live Scan sites offering electronic fingerprint services is available to the public on the California Attorney General's website using this link: <http://ag.ca.gov/fingerprints/publications/contact.php>.

If you are renewing a document that has lapsed and have not held any valid document for more than 18 months, under current regulations you must repeat the fingerprinting process for the Commission before your document can be reissued. Please see [Credential Leaflet CL-271](#) for more information on fingerprinting.

Out-of-State/Out-of-Country Residents

If this is your first application for a credential and you reside outside of California, you must submit with your application packet two fingerprint cards (FD-258) and the additional fingerprint [processing fees](#). The California Department of Justice (DOJ) will accept fingerprint cards only for educators who reside outside of California.

Individuals residing outside of California and applying for employment or licensure in California who cannot be fingerprinted in California must have their fingerprints rolled at a law enforcement agency in their state or country of residence. Processing of fingerprint cards takes approximately one month after receipt by the Commission.

ISSUANCE DATES

The issuance date of a credential, certificate, or permit is based upon either the initial date of service as determined by the employer, the completion date of a program as determined by the recommending institution or agency, or the date the Commission received the application.

Applications Submitted by Agencies

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations Title 5 section 80440 (b) and (c), applications submitted through an employing agency or recommending institution must be received by the Commission within three months from the requested issuance date of the credential.

The Commission will honor the issuance date established by the employing or recommending agency or institution of higher education as long as the applicant is eligible for the document on the date indicated and the application was submitted within the submission deadline. If the application is received after the three-month deadline, the date of issuance of the credential, certificate or permit will be the date the application was received by the Commission.

Applications Submitted by Individuals

If an application for a first time or new type of document is submitted directly to the Commission by an individual, the issuance date of the credential, certificate or permit will be the date the application was received by the Commission.

If an application for renewal of a document is received on or before the expiration date of the document being renewed, the Commission will use the expiration date of the old document as the issuance date for the new document. Applications for renewal may be submitted within one year of a document's current expiration date. If an application for renewal is received after the expiration date of the document being renewed, the issuance date on the new document will be the date the application was received by the Commission.

PROCESSING TIME

Applications are processed in the order in which they are received. *Commission staff cannot search for pending applications or process applications out of order.* You may check your application status online using the [Educator Page](#) on the Commission's website to determine date received by the Commission and calculate the approximate processing time for your application by [clicking here](#).

Current law sets a maximum processing time for the evaluation of applications of 50 business days after the Commission receives a completed application. Applications delayed by a Professional Practices review or fingerprint processing are not subject to the 50-day restriction. Please wait until the maximum processing time has passed before contacting the Commission regarding your application status.

ONLINE CREDENTIAL VIEW AND PRINT PROCESS

The Commission does not print or mail documents. The official record of credentials, certificates, and permits is available through an online view to colleges, universities, and employers through the [Search for an Educator](#) option on the Commission's Home page. Document holders may locate their file using the [Educator Page](#) function on the Commission's website. Documents are available for view within 3 business days of issuance. For directions on obtaining an unofficial copy of your document, you may use the link [How to Print Your Document](#) for assistance.

Before you seal the envelope:

Be sure you have included the items listed below, all professional fitness questions are answered and that the oath and affidavit has been signed and dated. **Incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant.**

- ☐ Completed application (you must use the current version of Form 41-4 available online at <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/414.pdf>)
- ☐ Exam score reports, when applicable
- ☐ Official transcripts and other supporting materials, including [Professional Fitness Explanation Form](#), as applicable
- ☐ [Full payment](#) (see *Fee Information* leaflet [CL-659](#))

First-time California credential applicants must also include:

- ☐ Live Scan receipt ([form 41-LS](#)) or for out-of-state/country residents only, two completed fingerprint cards (FD-258)

Mail the completed application and payment to:

Commission on Teacher Credentialing
Certification Division
1900 Capitol Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95811-4213