



Credential Information Alert

DATE: July 1, 2026

NUMBER: 26-03

SUBJECT: Fee Increase on Clear Renewals

Summary: The purpose of this Credential Information Alert (CIA) is to notify interested parties that the fee has increased on clear credential renewals.

Key Provisions:

The 2026 Education Omnibus Trailer Bill, [Assembly Bil \(AB\) 126](#), included provisions that increased the fee on Clear-to-Clear teaching and service credential renewals. All other application fees will remain the same. As of July 1, 2026, the current fee schedule is as follows:

Application Type	Fees
Initial Credential or Permit	\$100.00
Clear Credential Renewal/Reissuance	\$125.00
Certificate of Clearance	\$50.00
Certificate of Completion of Staff Development:	\$45.00
Upgrade Certificate of Eligibility to Preliminary Credential (Admin or Ed Specialist):	\$50.00
Upgrade Child Development Permit:	\$50.00
Add/Change Employment Restriction:	\$50.00
Name Change Request	\$0.00

You may find additional fee information on our [Fee Schedule Information Leaflet \(CL-659\)](#)

Paper applications postmarked before July 1, 2026 will be accepted with the \$100 processing fee. Paper applications for renewals postmarked on or after July 1, 2026 will be returned if the payment is less than \$125.00.

References:

Section 44235 of the Education Code is amended to read:

44235.

(a) (1) Fees shall be levied by the commission for the issuance and renewal of teaching and service credentials. Commencing January 1, 1987, the fee for the issuance and renewal of teaching and service credentials shall be fifty dollars (\$50). In subsequent years, *through June 30, 2026*, the commission may set a different fee, but in no case shall a fee exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) without express legislative approval.

(2) Commencing July 1, 2026, the fee for the issuance of teaching and service credentials shall not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100).

(3) Commencing July 1, 2026, the fee for the renewal of teaching and service clear credentials shall be one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125).

(b) A single fee, not to exceed the charge for a single supplemental credential, shall be charged for all supplemental credentials applied for at the same time as a teaching or service credential pursuant to subdivision (a).

(c) Subject to funds being appropriated expressly for this purpose in the annual Budget Act, fees authorized by this section shall be waived by the commission for first-time teaching credential applicants for the following credentials:

- (1) Single subject credential.
- (2) Multiple subject credential.
- (3) Special education credential.
- (4) Specialist instruction credential.

(d) Annually, as part of the budget review process, the Department of Finance shall recommend to the Legislature an appropriate credential fee sufficient to generate revenues necessary to support the operating budget of the commission plus a prudent reserve, as determined by the Department of Finance pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 44234.

Important Dates:

This fee increase goes into effect on July 1, 2026.

Contact Information:

Questions regarding credential fees can be directed to the Commission's Division of Licensure Certification through the online form found at <https://educatortools.ctc.ca.gov/ContactUs>.