



PROGRAM SPONSOR ALERT

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SUBJECT: NEW PRECONDITION FOR VERIFYING APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF CLEARANCE OR POSSESSION OF VALID PERMIT OR CREDENTIAL ISSUED BY THE COMMISSION PURSUANT TO AB 2467

Summary:

This Program Sponsor Alert (PSA) provides an update to Preliminary and Intern Multiple Subject, Single Subject, PK–3 Early Childhood Education (ECE) Specialist Instruction, and Education Specialist program preconditions resulting from the Governor’s signing of Assembly Bill 2467, the Education Omnibus Bill, on September 27, 2026. A portion of the bill includes an amendment to California Education Code §44320(d)(1)(A) and (B) necessitating candidates to provide verification to teacher credentialing programs that they either hold a Commission-issued document or have applied for a Certification of Clearance prior to admission to an educator preparation program. Additionally, the bill clarifies requirements for candidates to hold a Certificate of Clearance prior to beginning any type of clinical field experience. The provisions of this bill take effect immediately.

Key Provisions:

[Assembly Bill 2467 \(Chap. 608, Stats. 2026\)](#) amends Education Code §44320(d)(1)(A) and (B) as follows:

Education Code §44320:

(d)(1) Before admission to any professional preparation program approved by the commission for a Multiple Subject Credential, Single Subject Credential, PK–3 Early Childhood Education Specialist Instruction Credential, or Education Specialist Credential, a candidate shall provide verification to the professional preparation program that one of the following holds true for the candidate:

(A) The candidate holds a valid permit or credential previously issued by the commission.

(B) The candidate has applied for a certificate of clearance from the commission that shall be issued when the commission has verified the candidate's personal identification and health status.

Important Dates:

The provisions of AB 2467 take effect immediately. Institutions offering Multiple Subject, Single Subject, PK–3 ECE Specialist Instruction, and/or Education Specialist programs must implement the provisions in 44320(d)(1)(A) and (B) immediately.

A program-specific precondition has been added to the Preliminary and Intern Multiple Subject, Single Subject, PK–3 ECE Specialist Instruction, and Education Specialist preconditions, which is as follows:

Verification of Application for Certificate of Clearance or Possession of Valid Permit or Credential Issued by the Commission

Prior to admittance, the program must ensure candidates have provided verification of one of the following:

- The candidate holds a valid permit or credential previously issued by the Commission.
- The candidate has applied for a Certificate of Clearance from the Commission.

Reference: Education Code §44320(d)(1)(A) and (B)

Institutions with programs scheduled for Preconditions submissions in March 2027 will be required to supply evidence demonstrating alignment with the above newly added program-specific precondition. Please review the [Standards: Preconditions](#) page for the specific evidence that will be required to demonstrate alignment with the above established Precondition.

Background:

An individual who has successfully cleared the fingerprint and background process may be issued a Certificate of Clearance. This document indicates the candidate has met the professional fitness standards requirements as established by California law. A Certificate of Clearance is *not* a teaching or services credential, *nor* does it authorize the holder to provide any instruction or services in schools. Generally, fingerprint clearance is completed through the California Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This is required from every applicant prior to the issuance of any credential, permit, certificate, or waiver.

As amended by AB 2467, statute now requires teacher candidates to provide verification to their educator preparation program that they either hold a valid permit or credential issued by the Commission *or* provide verification to their educator preparation program that they have applied for a Certificate of Clearance prior to admission to the credential program. The bill also amended statute to clarify the requirement that candidates hold a Certificate of Clearance prior to beginning any type of clinical field experience.

References:

[AB-2467 Elementary and secondary education: omnibus.](#)

[California Code, Education Code §44320.](#)

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