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California Commission on Teacher Credentialing -

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

Q: How do I get a copy of my credential

A: The Commission does not print and mail official copies of documents. An individual's official document can be found on the Commission's website. Here is a link to instruction on how to print a copy of your credential: <https://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/print-doc>

Q: What type of credential do I have and how do I list it on my resume?

A: Which credential depends on your program, but see below for the three credential types.

- Multiple Subject: SB 2042 Preliminary Multiple Subject Teaching Credential
- Single Subject: SB 2042 Preliminary Single Subject Teaching Credential
- Education Specialist: Preliminary Education Specialist Mild/Moderate Teaching Credential

Q: What does having a SB 2042 preliminary credential mean?

A: The term “SB 2042 Credential” is used for multiple and single subject credentials issued under the statues of Senate Bill 2042 (Alpert/Mazzoni) beginning in 2003. Holders of SB 2042 credentials are required to complete a two-year induction program of support & formative assessment during the first two years of teaching before earning a clear credential.

Q: What does it mean to "clear" my credential?

A: Teachers holding a Preliminary Multiple Subject, Preliminary Single Subject and Preliminary Education Specialist M/M must complete a Commission-approved induction program to obtain a California Clear Teaching Credential.

- Multiple Subject Teaching Credential: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl561c.pdf>
- Single Subject Teaching Credential: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl560c.pdf>
- Preliminary Education Specialist Teaching Credential. <https://www.ctc.ca.gov/docs/default-source/leaflets/cl808ca.pdf?sfvrsn=2>

Q: How long is my credential valid?

A: All preliminary teaching credentials are valid for 5 years. When you clear your credential you need to pay a fee every five years to keep it active.

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Q: I was a Dual candidate and earned an Education Specialist and a Multiple/Single-Subject credential at the same time. Do I have to complete two Induction programs?

A: Not any more. Through the adoption of the new single set of Teacher Induction standards, the Commission established the policy that an educator earning a teaching credential should only need to complete one induction experience. The approval of Title 5 regulations allows clear teaching credential holders who complete a Commission-approved preliminary program for a new credential type to be issued a clear credential without having to complete a separate induction experience for the new credential. These changes went into effect March 7, 2019.

Q: I plan to relocate to another state, can I still clear my credential?

A: At this time you are not able to clear a California credential outside of California. Credentials may lapse without penalty until an individual has an offer of employment in a position which allows for the completion of the clear credential requirements.

When you are ready to teach again in California, you must have a job that allows for Induction, and submit an “Appeal for an Extension”. The Commission will grant you an extension for one, two or three years to allow you to clear your credential. An appeal may be issued only once, except in cases where the extenuating circumstances continue to exist and the applicant has made sufficient progress toward completion of the requirements. <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/al3.pdf>

Note: The Commission is continually reviewing existing statutes and regulations for credentials and permits. If you are considering allowing your credential or permit to lapse because you do not plan to use it in the near future, you may have to qualify under the new requirements when you decide to reinstate it.

Q: What is a BTSA Induction Program?

A: BTSA is no longer used, it was an acronym for "Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment".

Induction is the new term and is a state-funded program co-sponsored by the California Department of Education (CDE) and the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC).

<https://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/ca-teacher-induction>

An Induction program is a two year process that requires you to meet regularly with your Support Provider, set goals, and examine your practice. Workshops provide you with new ideas and networking time with other beginning teachers. Successful completion meets the requirement for a California Clear credential.

Marin County Induction: <https://www.marinschools.org/Page/3887>

North Coast School of Education (NCSOE) offers Induction for teachers within the NCSOE service area (Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino, Nevada and Sonoma Counties). <http://www.ncsoe.org/>

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Q: I have a multiple subject teaching credential that states that I am authorized to “teach in all subjects in a self-contained classroom.” What is a self-contained classroom?

A: A self-contained classroom is one in which all, or most, subjects are taught to a group of children by the same teacher. Most elementary schools organize their classrooms in such a manner.

Q: I am filling out my profile on EdJoin.org and am confused about the credential area- what do I select?

A: Under the credential tab, please follow these instructions based on your program:

Multiple Subject:

Credential type- Multiple Subject Teaching Credential SB 2042 (TCMS), Authorized Field- General Subjects (examination), expiration date- 5 years past the issuance date (you can choose the 1st day of the next month plus five years beyond your completion year). Add credential.

Single Subject:

Credential type- Single Subject Teaching Credential SB 2042 (TCSS), Authorized Field- select your subject area (i.e. if you are English and passed the CSET, then select English (examination) or if you are Art and have a program waiver, then select Art), expiration date- 5 years past the issuance date (you can choose the 1st day of the next month plus five years beyond your completion year). Add credential.

Education Specialist:

Credential type- Education Specialist Instruction Credential (TC3S), Authorized Field- mild/moderate disabilities, expiration date- 5 years past the issuance date (you can choose the 1st day of the next month plus five years beyond your completion year). Add credential.

All Programs:

Once you have added all appropriate credentials, fill out the remainder of the form. Do not check anything under the NCLB area- (see next question below).

Under “credentials held” do not check anything until after credentials have been filed.

Under “applied for credential” please identify Dominican University of California as your university, and use the following dates based on your completion term- for fall completers, January 1, for spring completers, June 1.

Under “Test, Certificates and Programs”, check the appropriate exams that you have taken (usually only CBEST, RICA and CSET). If you were an intern, you may check the intern box.

You do not hold any other certificates. Do not check any of the CLAD etc. boxes.

For more info, please review EdJoin FAQs: <https://www.edjoin.org/FAQS/Index>

Q: I am applying for jobs and the applications ask for an NCLB compliance certificate, do I have one of those?

A: On December 10, 2015, Congress passed the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) to replace NCLB. <http://www.nea.org/home/65276.htm>

Q: What is my Dominican GPA?

A: Credential students admitted to Dominican starting in fall 2014 receive letter grades (A-F), with the

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exception of Supervised Teaching and Intern Seminars that are graded on a pass/fail basis. Students who were admitted prior to fall 2014 receive only pass/fail grades for their courses, therefore a GPA cannot be calculated. These students should leave the GPA field on EdJoin blank. For more information please refer to Dominican's grading system in the academic catalog.

Q: I am applying for jobs and the applications ask for a CLAD/ELD/SDAIE certificate; do I have one of those?

A: No, you do not hold any of these certificates. You are authorized to teach English Language (EL) learners but do not hold any of these certificates. All current SB 2042 credentials have a limited EL authorization embedded. The authorization code listed on your preliminary credential states that you have EL authorization. If you need to prove that you have EL authorization, a copy of your credential will suffice.

Q: I am interested in earning a Bilingual Authorization. How can I obtain this authorization?

A: Please refer to CTC leaflet CL-628B: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl628b.pdf>

Q: I have a Preliminary Multiple Subject credential, and I am interested in earning a single subject credential. What do I need to do?

A: Please refer to CTC leaflet CL-621A: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl621a.pdf>

Q: I have a Preliminary Single Subject credential, and I am interested in earning a multiple subject credential. What do I need to do?

A: Please refer to CTC leaflet CL-621A: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl621a.pdf>

Q: I have a Preliminary Multiple Subject or Single Subject credential and I want to earn a Preliminary Education Specialist Mild/Moderate credential. What do I need to do?

A: You need to apply to an Education Specialist Teacher Preparation Program for Credential Holders. San Rafael students should contact Admissions at 415.485.3280 or gradadmissions@dominican.edu to begin the admissions process.

Q: I lost my original score report for the CBEST, CSET, or RICA exam. How can I order additional score reports?

A: Yes, if you did not keep your original score reports for the exams you have taken, employers will request them, even if you hold a credential. To order additional score reports, log into your account at <http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com/>



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Please contact your Credential Analyst should you have other questions that are not answered in this document.

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