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NEW LAW MODIFIES ADULT EDUCATION DESIGNATED SUBJECTS CREDENTIAL REQUIREMENTS

The Governor has signed Assembly Bill ("AB") 1374 which is intended to simplify and clarify the process for obtaining an adult education designated subjects credentialing process. This credential permits holders to teach adult education classes in any of the designated subjects for which it is granted. AB 1374 makes two significant changes:

- (1) Amends Education Code section 44260.2 to specify that this is a 3 year preliminary credential; and
- (2) Removes the United States Constitution study and examination requirement from the designated subjects preliminary credential and instead makes it a requirement of the designated subjects clear credential.

AB 1374 also creates different minimum prerequisites for nonacademic and academic designated subjects credentials. Most notably it:

- (a) Reduces the experience and education requirement for the non-academic preliminary credential from five to three years; and
- (b) Requires an applicant for the academic preliminary credential to have completed a baccalaureate or college degree that includes a minimum of 20 units of coursework in the subject named on the credential.

In making these changes to the adult education credential requirements, the Assembly Committee on Education staff indicated that the intent of the bill was to make it easier for candidates to become adult education teachers. AB 1374 takes effect on January 1, 2011.

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AB 1374 also adds Education Code section 44251.2, which exempts current adult education credential holders from compliance with this new law.

If you have questions about this legislation or credentialing in general, please do not hesitate to contact one of our [seven offices](#) located statewide or consult our [website](#).

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