

Adding Authorizations to a Multiple Subject Credential

As the holder of a Multiple Subject Credential, you are authorized to teach in a self-contained classroom. Self-contained classrooms are usually found in elementary schools at the preschool through sixth grade level, where all subjects are taught by a single teacher to one group of students. If you are interested in teaching in a specific subject matter area, you may wish to add an authorization to your credential.

Supplementary Authorizations are added to a Multiple Subject credential, and are based upon 20 (or 10 upper-division) semester units of coursework in a specific area, and authorize instruction in a departmentalized classroom in grades 9 and below. Although they may be added to a California teaching credential, Supplementary Authorizations in the core academic areas of Art, English, Languages other than English, Mathematics, Music, Science, and Social Science are not NCLB-compliant.

Subject Matter Authorizations are added to a Multiple Subject credential, and are based upon 32 semester units of coursework in specific areas or a degree major, and are NCLB-compliant in all areas. Requirements are specific to the academic areas. Introductory Subject Matter Authorizations authorize the holder to teach the subject matter content in grades 9 and below. Specific Subject Matter Authorizations authorize the holder to teach the specific subject in preschool through twelfth grade, and classes organized primarily for adults.

Single Subject Credentials authorize the holder to teach specific subject areas in departmentalized classrooms for grades 12 and below, and are NCLB-compliant. A Multiple Subject credential holder can obtain a Single Subject Credential by verifying subject matter competency (CSET examinations or an approved waiver program), completing EDSS 450 in the academic area, and completing an application for the credential. Approval of the Single Subject Program is required to enroll in EDSS 450.

See the chart on the opposite side for specific information. There may be additional requirements for certain academic areas of Subject Matter Authorizations.

To request an evaluation for an added authorization, submit the following to the Credential Center:

1. Added Authorization Evaluation Request
2. \$25 University fee
3. Official transcripts if needed (transcripts of any coursework taken for the authorization after you received your credential from CSU, Long Beach, or all applicable transcripts if you received your credential over five years prior.

You will receive an evaluation in the mail, with instructions on applying for the credential if you qualify.

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Authorizations available to add to Multiple Subject Credentials

	Introductory Supplementary Authorization	Introductory Subject Matter Authorization	Specific Subject Matter Authorization	Single Subject Credential
Type	Added to Multiple Subject credential	Added to Multiple Subject credential	Added to Multiple Subject credential	Separate Single Subject credential
Authorization	Subject matter content in grades 9 and below	Subject matter content in grades 9 and below (NCLB core academic subj areas)	Subject matter content in grades preschool, K-12, and adults	Subject matter content in grades preschool, K-12, and adults
Requirements	Degree major OR 20 semester/10 upper division semester units; one course in each content area	Degree major or 32 semester units; 3 semester units in each area; science requires 6 semester units in each area	Degree major or 32 semester units; History requires 16 semester units in both US and world history	a. Pass CSET subject exam or complete waiver program b. Complete EDSS 450 for academic area (Single Subject Program approval required)
NCLB Compliant?	No , with the exception of Agriculture, Business, Computer Concepts, Health Science, Home Economics, Industrial Arts & Physical Education	Yes	Yes	Yes
Subjects Available	Agriculture, Art, Business, Computer Concepts & Applications, English, Health Science, Home Economics, Industrial Arts, Languages other than English, Mathematics, Music, Physical Education, Science, Social Science	Art, English, Languages other than English, Mathematics, Music, Science, Social Science	Art History/ Appreciation, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Civics/Government, Dance, Drama/Theatre, Economics, English Composition, Geography, Geosciences, History, Instrumental Music, Literature, Photography, Physics, Plant Science, Three-Dimensional Art, Two-Dimensional Art, Vocal Music	Agriculture, Art, Biol. Sciences (Specialized), Business, Chemistry (Specialized), English, Foundational Math, Geosciences (Specialized), Health Science, Home Economics, Industrial & Tech Education, Languages other than English, Mathematics, Music, Physical Education, Physics (Specialized), Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Geosciences, Science: Physics, Social Science