



# Credential Information Alert

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**SUBJECT: Declaration of Need Guidance and Updates**

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**Summary:**

The purpose of this Credential Information Alert (CIA) is to provide information regarding the Declaration of Need (DON) including guidance for charter schools who wish to apply for emergency documents.

**Key Provisions:**

The Declaration of Need (DON) is an annual document required by an employing local education agency as a prerequisite to the issuance of any emergency permit and/or limited assignment permit for that agency. The DON is established by California Code of Regulations §80026. This regulatory section was recently amended to align with statute requiring parity in credentialing requirements between charter schools all other public schools. The updates to the language are now complete and all employing agencies, including charter schools, must comply with the regulation to be eligible to apply for any emergency and/or limited assignment permit restricted to their organization. Additionally, there is also an update to the CL-500 form to accurately comply with the regulation.

The updated CL-500 form must be used for any DON submissions received after the date of this CIA. If a DON for 2021-2022 has already been submitted it is not necessary to resubmit or update the information.

**Charter Schools:**

Prior to the passage of Assembly Bills (AB) 1505 (Chap. 486, Stats. 2019) and 1219 (Chap. 782, Stats. 2019), charter schools were not subject to the same credentialing provisions and assignment monitoring regiment as non-charter public schools. As of January 1 2020, these

pieces of legislation went into effect, and the certification requirements are more aligned. Furthermore, assignment options at these schools were broadened, as Education Code §47605(l) was amended to provide charter schools the ability to request emergency permits or waivers from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing for individuals in the same manner as school districts.

These documents include Provisional Internship Permits, Short-Term Staff Permits, Emergency Cross-cultural, Language and Academic Development (CLAD) permits, and Variable Term Waivers. These documents allow qualified individuals to be legally authorized to serve in their teaching assignment while they are working towards completing the credential requirements for the appropriate teaching credential for the educator's assignment.

**CL-500:**

The Commission's CL-500 form was created to allow employing agencies to meet the DON submission requirements. While the regulation always required the agency to provide an estimate of how many General Education Limited Assignment Permits they anticipate needing, the form has been updated to include the subject(s) anticipated for those permits. As of the date of this CIA, any new DON submissions must use the new form and include the subject information.

**References:**

CL-500 Declaration of Need form

<https://www.ctc.ca.gov/docs/default-source/cig-leaflets/cl500.pdf>

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