

## PRESIDENT'S POINTS

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The CTC, based on SB 1209, is researching ways to combine tests to eliminate the number of exams credential candidates are required to take.

One suggested combination is the RICA with the TPA. The commission held a study session at the February 7<sup>th</sup> commission meeting to consider the implications of incorporating the assessment of ability, skills, and knowledge related to effective reading instruction within the teacher performance assessment. Your CCAC representatives were in attendance and offered testimony, as did many others from throughout the education and credentialing field. Most felt that combining the RICA with the TPA is not appropriate for either assessment.

Another suggestion, to combine the competencies of the CBEST into the CSET, has been accomplished for the CSET Multiple Subjects and is being worked on for the other CSET exams. Please see the newsflash below from the CTC. Credential candidates who pass the 3 CSET Multiple Subject subtests and the additional CSET Writing Skills exam will meet the basic skills requirement and will not need to take the CBEST.

### CAW News Flash February 28, 2007

New Examination Information: The new CSET: Writing Skills examination is available to candidates starting with the May 19, 2007 administration. The examination was developed in response to SB 1209 (Chap. 517, Stats. 2006). Coded Correspondence 06-0021 announced the changed to the basic skills requirement.

Candidates can start signing up for the May administration in March. The fee will be posted as soon as the Commission takes action on March 8 to set the fee amount. The passing score will be set after the May administration to meet the July 1, 2007 implementation date in statute. Passage of the CSET: Writing Skills examination, when used in combination with passage of all three subtests of the CSET: Multiple Subjects examination, will satisfy the basic skills requirement and meet subject matter competence for the multiple subject credential.

The link to the CSET website that has registration information for the writing skills part of the exam: [http://www.cset.nesinc.com/CS12\\_writingskills.asp](http://www.cset.nesinc.com/CS12_writingskills.asp).

Further information on the fee and the period of validity for this new examination will be available and distributed after the March 8 Commission meeting.

If you did not receive the above newflash directly from the CTC on 2/28/07 be sure and sign up for the CAW newflash service:

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Watch the CCAC listserv with the highlights of the March commission meeting including the new fee schedule for exams. The agenda item is available at:

<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/commission/agendas/2007-03/2007-03-3A.pdf>

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