

# Ways to Obtain an EL Authorization

The State of California requires that all English learners (ELs) must be taught by certificated teachers with the appropriate English learner (EL) authorization or by teachers currently participating in an approved training program to receive certification.

## **Option 1: CTEL Exam (formerly CLAD Exam)**

- This options includes taking the 3 sub-tests of the CTEL (California Teacher of English Learners)
- Exam is offered four times a year (Two in the Spring and two in the Fall)
  - Registration opens in late August
- CTEL test review is available through the District or the County Office
  - District Training includes a review of exam and training guides.
  - County Training includes in-depth training and training guides. Registration fees apply. Please refer to website for details. <http://www.smcoe.k12.ca.us>
- Teacher is responsible for paying test fees
- For more information, refer to <http://www.ctel.nesinc.com>



## **Option 2: University Coursework**

- 12 units of college course work must be completed to obtain an EL Authorization
- Courses may be completed at university campus, online, or through independent study
- Teacher is responsible for paying course fees.
- Available programs:
  - For a complete list of IHEs that offer Commission-approved CTEL Programs, refer to:
    - ⇒ [www.ctc.ca.gov](http://www.ctc.ca.gov)
    - ⇒ Under “CA Educators” tab, click on “Teaching English Learners”
    - ⇒ Click on “Commission-approved CTEL Programs”



## **Option 3: University Coursework and CTEL Exam**

- You may combine CTEL exam with university coursework upon approval from the IHE
- You have passed one or more CTEL examinations combined with completed course work determined by a CTC-approved CTEL program at a regionally accredited college or university
- For a complete list of CTC approved IHEs that accept the combination of exam and coursework, refer to the CTC's website at [www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/approved-programs.html](http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/approved-programs.html)
- Teacher is responsible for paying test fees
- For more information, contact the credential program at the university.

These three requirements can be satisfied in any order. Each is described more fully on the CTC's website at [www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl628c.pdf](http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl628c.pdf).

## **Option 4: Education Specialist Level II Credential (EL Coursework)**

- As of January 2007, Education Specialist Credential programs will be offering the R359, an EL Authorization embedded in the Level II credential.
- Special Education teachers who need to complete the Level II program may complete additional courses to obtain the EL Authorization.
- For more information, contact the credential program at the university.

*\*If you are a certificated staff member that holds an EL Authorization, no further action is required on your part. The following are approved EL Authorizations:*

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| ▪ CLAD   | ▪ BCC                                |
| ▪ BCLAD  | ▪ LDS                                |
| ▪ R359 (embedded in Ed Specialist Level II)      | ▪ Bilingual Specialist Credential    |
| ▪ R142 (embedded in SB2042 Induction Credential) | ▪ Supplementary Authorization in ESL |
|  | ▪ CCSD (AB2913, SB1969, SB395)       |

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