

# So you want to teach in California?

Individuals who have completed their professional preparation program outside of California may apply directly to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing ([www.ctc.ca.gov/](http://www.ctc.ca.gov/)) for their initial credential by submitting an application packet consisting of all of the following:

- Completed application: [www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/414.pdf](http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/414.pdf)
- Completed LiveScan receipt: [www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/41-LS.pdf](http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/41-LS.pdf). Out-of-state residents have the option of submitting two fingerprint cards in lieu of a LiveScan receipt. If submitting fingerprint cards, current fingerprint processing fees must accompany the application packet in addition to the application processing fee. Fingerprint cards may be ordered through the Commission's automated phone system at 1-888-921-2682 or by email at [credentials@ctc.ca.gov](mailto:credentials@ctc.ca.gov).
- Application processing fee: [www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl659.pdf](http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl659.pdf)
- Official transcripts
- Letters of experience
- Verification of completion of the basic skills requirement: [www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl667.pdf](http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl667.pdf)
- Photocopies of out-of-state credentials
- Performance evaluations as required by the route used to earn the credential.

For elementary education requirements see: [www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl561.pdf](http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl561.pdf)

For secondary education requirements: [www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl560.pdf](http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl560.pdf)

For special education requirements: [www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl808.pdf](http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl808.pdf)

These requirements may change. Always verify requirements with the appropriate state office.  
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