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VIRTUAL TRAINING FOR ORIGINAL AND RENEWAL CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION

The California Department of Education, Office of School Transportation (CDE/OST) has been approached by Local Educational Agencies (LEA) and private transportation providers regarding the CDE/OST's position on virtual classroom instruction for Original and Renewal applicants in accordance with *Education Code* sections 40080-40086.

In order to be responsive to the distance learning requirements so prevalent in today's society, CDE/OST recognizes that technology has changed dramatically. In accordance with its mission to disseminate and extend knowledge, CDE/OST acknowledges that the use of current technology (i.e. Zoom, Google Meets, etc.) to meet the requirements in *Education Code* section 40081(c) will be accepted for Original and/or Renewal Classroom instruction. These technologies allow for real-time interaction between instructor(s) and participants during creditable time; therefore, fulfilling the statutory requirement for classroom instruction given by, or in the presence of, a state-certified instructor.

When providing **Original and/or Renewal Classroom** instruction via virtual training or in person, all applicable requirements of *Education Code* sections 40082 – 40084 and 40085 – 40087 must be followed. Original and/or Renewal Classroom curriculum requirements have not changed and must be instructed in their entirety.

When preparing to conduct Original and/or Renewal Classroom utilizing distance learning consider utilizing the information on the Designing a High-Quality Online Course at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/dl/hqonlinecourse.asp>.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please email your Transportation Programs Consultant.