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Voluntary Certified Access Specialist Program regulations found under Subchapter 2.5, Chapter 1, Division 1, Title 21 of the California Code of Regulations

FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

UPDATE TO THE INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS – NO REVISION

DSA finds that no changes have been made which warrant a revision to the initial statement of reason published with the Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

DSA has determined that it will be cumbersome, unduly expensive, and impractical to publish the following documents in the California Code of Regulations because it would be too voluminous, and the forms have a special format. The following documents are incorporated by reference into the regulations and were made available upon request, and at any time during the rulemaking action:

- Certified Access Specialist Program (CASp) Examination, Certification, and Practice Standards Handbook (11/20/20)
- Form DSA 600-A Candidate Eligibility Application (11/20/20)
- Form DSA 600-R CASp Certification Renewal Application (11/20/20)
- Form DSA 601 CASp Examination Registration (11/20/20)
- ADA Test Accommodation(s) Guidelines (11/20/20)
- Form DSA 602 Test Accommodation(s) Request (11/20/20)
- (REPEALED) Form DSA 603 CASp Test Accommodation(s) Request Questionnaire (03/20/16)
- Form DSA 650 Disclosure Of Social Security Number And/Or Federal Taxpayer Identification Number (11/20/20)

MANDATE ON LOCAL AGENCIES OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS

The proposed amendments to the regulations do not impose any mandate on local agencies or school districts.

SUMMARY OF 45-DAY NOTICE PERIOD, DECEMBER 18, 2020 TO FEBRUARY 1, 2021

One irrelevant comment and no relevant comment was received.

ALTERNATIVES THAT WOULD LESSEN ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESS

No alternatives were proposed that would lessen any adverse economic impact on small business.

ALTERNATIVE DETERMINATION

DSA has determined that no alternative it considered would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action was proposed; would be effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action; or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

The amendments adopted by DSA are the only regulatory provisions identified by DSA that accomplish the goal of establishing and amending provisions of the CASp program for its participants.

CHANGES MADE TO DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE – The following were changes made to the documents incorporated by reference after the initial 45-day comment period:

Form DSA 601 CASp Examination Registration (11/20/20) was revised to include existing text which was inadvertently omitted from the noticed version. These changes are non-substantive and include:

- i. A table with information on the CASp examination was added. This information provides candidates with options to register for CASp exams and includes exam costs, types, and examination locations;
- ii. A question requesting whether the candidate requires testing accommodations and a list of DSA documents required for testing accommodation requests was added.

Form DSA 602 Test Accommodation(s) Request (11/20/20) was revised with underlines to indicate proposed text for two sections to correct its initial notice as existing text. These changes are non-substantive and include:

Section 1: “D. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The signature must be a wet signature. Forms with electronic signatures will be returned. I certify under penalty of perjury and under the laws of the State of California that the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I acknowledge that any false incomplete, or incorrect statements may result in my disqualification from the certification process or denial of my request for accommodation in taking the examination.”

- i. This section was initially presented without underline to indicate proposed text. These requirements are stated in existing documents incorporated by reference. The requirement for candidates to return documents with original signature and notice of return of forms with electronic signatures is stated under section III. The CASp Examination in the Certified Access Specialist Program (CASp) Examination, Certification, and Practice Standards Handbook (11/20/20).
- ii. The certify under penalty of perjury statement appears on form DSA 603 CASp Test Accommodation(s) Request Questionnaire (03/20/16). DSA proposed the repeal of this form and to combine with DSA 602; as such, this statement was relocated to DSA 602 and the underline was inadvertently omitted.

Section 2: "SUBMISSION

Submit this form and required documentation to the respective DSA examination unit:

CASp Examination or Project Inspector Examination

Division of the State Architect

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- i. This section was initially presented without underline to indicate proposed text. This information is existing and stated at the end of form DSA 602, before the candidate signature and date, and moved to follow the signature and date.