1. **What courses qualify?**
   - Reading Proficiency: a course in critical thinking, literature, philosophy, reading, rhetoric, or textual analysis.
   - Writing Proficiency: a course in composition, English, rhetoric, written communication, or writing.
   - Mathematics Proficiency: a course in algebra, geometry, mathematics, quantitative reasoning, or statistics.

2. **Is a course in rhetoric acceptable for meeting both the Writing and Reading sections?**
   - Yes, a course in rhetoric is acceptable for meeting both the Writing and Reading sections with appropriate documentation from the relevant department chair or registrar.

3. **Are community college courses acceptable for meeting the BSR?**
   - Yes, if the courses are degree applicable. Transcripts are required for verification.

4. **What types of courses are NOT acceptable?**
   - Remedial, professional development, continuing education, in-service courses, and workshops are NOT acceptable.

5. **What are the minimum unit requirements for the courses?**
   - Courses must be the equivalent of 3 semester units or 4.5 quarter units.

6. **Is a 4-quarter unit course acceptable?**
   - No, the course must be 4.5 quarter units. Two courses may be used to satisfy each area of the requirement if needed to meet the minimum required units.

7. **What grade is needed for the course?**
   - A grade of B- or better, Pass, or Credit is required.

8. **Are “Pass” and “Credit” grades acceptable?**
   - Yes, Pass or Credit courses are acceptable.

9. **Is it acceptable to retake a course?**
   - Yes, it is acceptable to retake a course to meet the minimum grade requirement if the course meets the BSR criteria. Please check with your credential program director before retaking a course.

10. **If I don't have an undergraduate course that qualifies, can I take a course now or in the future to meet part of the BSR?**
    - Yes, however, you should have the courses preapproved by the credential program. You may contact your program director to determine if the course meets the BSR criteria.

11. **Can I combine exam scores and coursework to meet the BSR?**
    - Yes, a combination of exam scores and coursework may be used to meet BSR.

12. **Which exams are acceptable for combining?**
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13. **Can CSET be used towards meeting the BSR?**
   - Yes. The following subtests meet the corresponding BSR subject areas.
   - Reading – CSET: Multiple Subtest I (101) – 220 or higher
   - Writing – CSET: Writing Skills (142) – 220 or higher
   - Math – CSET: Multiple Subtest II (214) & Multiple Subject III (103) – 220 or higher on both subtests

14. **Is AP credit acceptable if it is posted on transcripts?**
   - Yes, if the transcripts specify the AP subject and show units are applied to a degree.

15. **How do I access my ELM, EPT, and/or ELA scores to see if they qualify?**
   - Effective October 1, 2017, the English Placement Test (EPT) and Entry-Level Mathematics Exam (ELM) are discontinued. As of September 30, 2019, Educational Testing Systems (ETS) no longer provides these test results.

16. **Is there an expiration on the coursework or exams?**
   - No, there is no recency requirement for coursework. For BSR, exam scores do not expire.

17. **Will CSUB evaluate the BSR for me if I am not a CSUB student?**
   - At this time, we are only able to support CSUB students enrolled in or applying to a CSUB credential program.
18. Are the new options for meeting the BSR available to previous CSUB candidates?
   • Yes, they are available to all CSUB candidates regardless of when candidates enrolled in a program.

19. If the BSR was approved by CSUB, am I able to use it for a credential program at another institution?
   • The BSR may only be used for credential programs offered at CSUB. The recommending institution must evaluate the BSR and submit it with the candidate’s recommendation at the end of the program.

20. If a BSR was approved for me by another university or agency, am I able to use it for a credential at CSUB?
   • The BSR must be evaluated by CSUB at this time. The CTC requires the recommending institution to evaluate and verify the BSR and submit it with the candidate’s recommendation for a credential.

21. Is foreign degree coursework acceptable?
   • Yes, only if the coursework has been evaluated by a CTC approved agency AND the course was taught in English. Official Foreign Degree Evaluation is required.

22. Are these new options for meeting the BSR applicable when applying to be a substitute?
   • Yes, the new options specified in AB 130 may be used to satisfy the BSR for a 30-day substitute permit. The coursework will be evaluated by the agency processing the application for the 30- substitute permit. Currently substitute permits are processed by County Offices of Education. If you are using a combination of coursework and exams, it may only be evaluated by a credential program sponsor.

23. Can CSUB evaluate for Subject Matter Competency (SMC)?
   • AB 130 will provide new options to meet SMC through completion of an academic major and coursework. We are waiting for final guidance from the CSU Chancellor’s Office and the CTC on how this will be implemented. Once we have final guidance regarding SMC, we will share this information with our candidates.