



NPS/NPA California Department of Education Certification Audits

Annual Audit Requirement Removed!

In 2016, the California Department of Education (CDE) issued a notification letter to NPS and NPA certification applicants stating that an entity-wide annual audit was required on all applications. This audit report was an expensive requirement that would have negatively impacted OT practitioners, and many would have been unable to apply for the necessary certification. OTAC worked collaboratively with CDE, the Department of Finance, and the Assembly and Senate Budget committees to correct this issue in the 2018 Governor's Budget through a budget trailer bill. NPS and NPA certification applicants now must only submit an annual operating budget instead of an entity-wide annual audit. These changes went into effect on June 27, 2018. View these changes in the Education Code [here](#).