

**EDUCATION CODE SECTION 44839
MEDICAL CERTIFICATE**

(Summary of Legal Provisions)

"When a school district or a county superintendent of schools wishes to employ a person in a position requiring certification qualifications and that person has not previously been employed in a position requiring certification qualifications in this state, the district or county superintendent shall require a medical certificate in such form as shall be prescribed by the State Board of Education showing that the applicant is free from any disabling disease unfitting the applicant to instruct or associate with children. The medical certificate shall be submitted directly to the governing board or county superintendent by a physician and surgeon licensed under the Business and Professions Code, a commissioned medical officer exempted from licensure by Section 2144 of the Business and Professions Code, or a commissioned medical officer in the United States Air Force. The medical examination shall have been conducted not more than six months before the submission of the certificate and shall be at the expense of the applicant. A governing board or county superintendent may offer a contract of employment to an applicant subject to the submission of the required medical certificate. Notwithstanding Section 44031, the medical certificate shall become a part of the personnel record of the employee and shall be open to the employee or his designee."