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Notice of Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Regulation

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9:00 A.M. Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.036 – a regulation relating to tests of competency required for initial license; exemptions; failure to comply. The Commission will consider a regulation to update NAC 391.036. This regulation will comply with Assembly Bill 286 by allowing a candidate for licensure to take a course of study before or after not passing the Praxis Core basic exams in lieu of these exams. The Commission may approve or not approve moving this item to a Public Hearing.

A copy of all materials relating to the proposal may be obtained at the workshop, on the [Meeting Materials page](#), by contacting the Nevada Department of Education, via email at geraldine.mendiola@doe.nv.gov, by telephone at 702-668-4317, or in person at the **Old Assembly Room, Nevada State Capital, 101 N. Carson Street, Carson City, NV 89701** and **Nevada Department of Education, 2080 East Flamingo Road, Suite 114, Las Vegas, NV 89119**. Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Department of Education may provide in-person testimony, submit written comment to the Department via email at COPS@doe.nv.gov or submit their comments, data, views, or arguments in written form to the **Nevada Department of Education Offices, 700 East Fifth Street, Silver Ore Conference Room, Carson City** and **2080 East Flamingo Road, Room 114, Las Vegas, Nevada**. Comments may be submitted via email leading up to and for the duration of the workshop, and those submitted via mail must be received by the Department on or before **Friday, November 14, 2025**.

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SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT
PURSUANT TO NRS 233B.0608

DATE: November 4, 2025

RE: Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.036 – a regulation relating to tests of competency required for initial licensure; exemptions; failure to comply.

I, Victor Wakefield, being the duly appointed Superintendent of Public Instruction of the Nevada Department of Education, do hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge or belief:

1. The proposed regulation is not likely to (a) impose a direct or significant economic burden upon a small business, or (b) directly restrict the formation, operation, or expansion of a small business.
2. A concerted effort was made to determine any economic burden.
3. All relevant materials were reviewed, and the Department considered its history with implementing similar regulations; the proposed changes are within the scope of the Department's activities and present no significant cost of enforcement.
4. Comments have not been solicited from small businesses, and no summary of their response is provided, because small businesses are not impacted by this regulation and thus no burden or adverse economic impact can be assessed.

I hereby further certify that, to the best of my knowledge or belief, a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the regulation on small businesses and that the information contained in this statement was prepared properly and is accurate.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "V. Wakefield".

Dr. Victor Wakefield
Superintendent of Public Instruction

To comply with AB286 (2025), the intent of this regulation is to allow a candidate to waive a Praxis Core test by having taken a course of study, with a passing grade of B or better for the Praxis Core test that they did not pass. The course can be taken before or after not passing a Praxis Core test.

**APPROVED REGULATION OF THE COMMISSION ON
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION**

LCB File No. R067-24

Filed December 19, 2024

EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: § 1, NRS 391.019 and 391.021, as amended by section 3.4 of Assembly Bill No. 428, chapter 491, Statutes of Nevada 2023, at page 3015.

A REGULATION relating to education; exempting certain applicants for licensure as a teacher or other educational personnel from the requirement to pass a competency test in basic reading, writing and mathematics; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to adopt regulations prescribing the qualifications for licensing teachers and other educational personnel. (NRS 391.019) Existing law also requires the Commission to adopt regulations governing examinations for the initial licensing of teachers and other education personnel. (NRS 391.021) Assembly Bill No. 428 (A.B. 428) of the 2023 Legislative Session requires that these regulations exempt an applicant from any requirement to pass a competency test in basic reading, writing and mathematics, at the level of competence specified by the Commission, if, after not passing such a test, the applicant completes a course of study approved by the Department of Education, with a grade of B or better, in each subject area of the competency test that the applicant did not pass. (NRS 391.021, as amended by section 3.4 of Assembly Bill No. 428, chapter 491, Statutes of Nevada 2023, at page 3015) This regulation creates such an exemption and requires the submission of official transcripts indicating completion of the required course of study to establish eligibility for the exemption.

Section 1. NAC 391.036 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.036 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, paragraph (h) of subsection 1 of NRS 391.019, NAC 391.0545, paragraph (a) of subsection 9 of NAC 391.0896, subsection 7 of

NAC 391.0897, subsection 3 of NAC 391.180, subsection 3 of NAC 391.223, paragraph (b) of subsection 3 of NAC 391.231, paragraph (b) of subsection 3 of NAC 391.233, subsection 3 of NAC 391.276, subsection 2 of NAC 391.277, subsection 2 of NAC 391.279, subsection 4 of NAC 391.305, subsection 4 of NAC 391.312, subsection 2 of NAC 391.315, subsection 4 of NAC 391.320, subsection 3 of NAC 391.370, paragraph (b) of subsection 4 of NAC 391.425, subsection 2 of section 2 of LCB File No. R123-22, subsection 2 of section 3 of LCB File No. R123-22, subsection 2 of section 1 of LCB File No. R124-22 and section 2 of LCB File No. R128-22, an applicant who applies for:

(a) A license must pass a competency test that has been approved by the Commission, at the level of competence specified by the Commission, in:

- (1) Basic reading, writing and mathematics;
- (2) The principles and methods of teaching; and
- (3) The subject matter of the area of endorsement on the license or the area of endorsement necessary for the applicant's area of assignment.

(b) An additional endorsement on a license held by the applicant must pass a competency test that has been approved by the Commission, at the level of competence specified by the Commission, in the subject matter of the area of endorsement for which the applicant is applying.

2. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may exempt an applicant from any of the tests required by subsection 1 if the applicant:

- (a) Submits to the Department evidence that he or she:
- (1) Has retired from teaching in this State;
 - (2) Held a special license, a license to teach elementary or secondary education, a license to teach special education, a license to teach pupils in a program of early childhood education or

a license to teach middle school or junior high school education, which:

(I) Has expired within the year immediately preceding the date on which his or her application was submitted;

(II) Was free from any conditions that the applicant pass a competency test; and

(III) Authorized the applicant to teach in the same grade level and subject area for which he or she is applying to receive a license;

(3) Was required, for the issuance of the applicant's expired license, to complete courses of study and experience which are substantially equivalent to the courses of study and experience required for the issuance of the license for which he or she is applying; and

(4) Otherwise satisfies the requirements for the issuance of a license;

(b) Submits to the Department evidence that the applicant has passed, as part of a teacher education program approved by a state and offered through a regionally accredited college or university, competency examinations equivalent to those required of the applicant by subsection 1, as determined by the Department; or

(c) Submits to the Department evidence that the applicant holds a license to teach issued by another state which is acceptable to the Department for purposes of reciprocity.

3. An applicant is exempt from the requirement to pass a competency test in basic reading, writing and mathematics if the applicant submits to the Department:

(a) Official documentation which indicates that he or she passed, within the 10 years immediately preceding the date on which his or her application was submitted and at the level of competency specified by the Commission:

(1) The "Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators" in reading, mathematics and writing, prepared and administered by the Educational Testing Service; or

(2) A test of basic skills that is determined by the Department to be equivalent to the test prescribed by subparagraph 1;

(b) Evidence that the applicant has:

(1) Received a master's or more advanced degree from a regionally accredited college or university; and

(2) Completed, within the 10 years immediately preceding the date on which his or her application was submitted, the "Graduate Record Examinations," prepared and administered by the Educational Testing Service, or its equivalent, and received a score which was at or above the midpoint of the score range in effect at the time the examination was administered; ~~for~~

(c) Official documentation which indicates that the applicant completed, within the 10 years immediately preceding the date on which his or her application was submitted:

(1) The ACT, administered by ACT, Inc., with a combined score of at least 21; or

(2) The SAT, administered by the Educational Testing Service, with a combined score of at least 1100 ~~+~~; *or*

(d) Evidence that the applicant:

(1) Did not pass, at the level of competence specified by the Commission, the "Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators" in reading, mathematics and writing, prepared and administered by the Educational Testing Service; and

(2) After not passing the competency test described in subparagraph (1), began and completed, with a grade of B or better, a course of study approved by the Department in each subject area of the competency test described in subparagraph (1) that the applicant did not pass. Evidence of the completion of a course of study pursuant to this subparagraph must consist of official transcripts indicating completion of the course of study as required by this subparagraph. ; or

(3) Prior to not passing the competency test described in subparagraph (1), began and completed, with a grade of B or better, a course of study approved by the Department in each subject area of the competency test described in subparagraph (1) that the applicant did not pass. Evidence of the completion of a course of study pursuant to this subparagraph must consist of official transcripts indicating completion of the course of study as required by this subparagraph.

4. An applicant is exempt from the requirement to pass a competency test in the principles and methods of teaching if he or she:

(a) Submits to the Department official documentation which indicates that the applicant passed, at the level of competency specified by the Commission, the “Principles of Learning and Teaching Test” prepared and administered by the Educational Testing Service; or

(b) Is applying for a license with an endorsement in an area for which training in the principles and methods of teaching is not required.

5. An applicant is exempt from the requirement to pass a competency test in the subject matter of the area of endorsement if he or she:

(a) Submits to the Department official documentation which indicates that the applicant passed, within the 10 years immediately preceding the date on which his or her application was submitted and at the level of competency specified by the Commission, the competency test in that subject matter;

(b) Is applying for a license or endorsement in an area for which no competency tests have been approved by the Commission;

(c) Is applying for an endorsement to teach pupils who have speech and language impairments and submits to the Department official documentation which indicates that he or she has received a certificate of clinical competence from the American Speech-Language-Hearing

Association; or

(d) Is applying for an endorsement in family and consumer sciences and submits to the Department official documentation which indicates that the applicant satisfactorily completed the “Family and Consumer Sciences Composite Examination,” prepared and administered by the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

6. An applicant who fails to comply with the provisions of this section may not apply for a renewable license.

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9:01 A.M. Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.XXX, 391.170 – License or Endorsement as a professional administrator of school; endorsement as a professional administrator of program, and NAC 391.171 – Conditional endorsement as a professional administrator of school: Qualifications; authorized employment; term of validity; automatic invalidity; reinstatement; requirements to apply for unconditional endorsement. The Commission will consider a regulation to comply with Senate Bill 81 creating a pathway for already licensed educators to obtain a school or program administrator endorsement. The Commission may approve or not approve moving this item to a Public Hearing.

A copy of all materials relating to the proposal may be obtained at the workshop, on the [Meeting Materials page](#), by contacting the Nevada Department of Education, via email at geraldine.mendiola@doe.nv.gov, by telephone at 702-668-4317, or in person at the **Old Assembly Room, Nevada State Capital, 101 N. Carson Street, Carson City, NV 89701** and **Nevada Department of Education, 2080 East Flamingo Road, Suite 114, Las Vegas, NV 89119**. Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Department of Education may provide in-person testimony, submit written comment to the Department via email at COPS@doe.nv.gov or submit their comments, data, views, or arguments in written form to the **Nevada Department of Education Offices, 700 East Fifth Street, Silver Ore Conference Room, Carson City** and **2080 East Flamingo Road, Room 114, Las Vegas, Nevada**. Comments may be submitted via email leading up to and for the duration of the workshop, and those submitted via mail must be received by the Department on or before **Friday, November 14, 2025**.

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**SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT
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DATE: November 4, 2025

RE: Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.XXX, 391.170 – a regulation relating to License or Endorsement as a professional administrator of school; endorsement as a professional administrator of program, and NAC 391.171 – Conditional endorsement as a professional administrator of school: Qualifications; authorized employment; term of validity; automatic invalidity; reinstatement; requirements to apply for unconditional endorsement.

I, Victor Wakefield, being the duly appointed Superintendent of Public Instruction of the Nevada Department of Education, do hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge or belief:

1. The proposed regulation is not likely to (a) impose a direct or significant economic burden upon a small business, or (b) directly restrict the formation, operation, or expansion of a small business.
2. A concerted effort was made to determine any economic burden.
3. All relevant materials were reviewed, and the Department considered its history with implementing similar regulations; the proposed changes are within the scope of the Department's activities and present no significant cost of enforcement.
4. Comments have not been solicited from small businesses, and no summary of their response is provided, because small businesses are not impacted by this regulation and thus no burden or adverse economic impact can be assessed.

I hereby further certify that, to the best of my knowledge or belief, a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the regulation on small businesses and that the information contained in this statement was prepared properly and is accurate.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "V. Wakefield".

Dr. Victor Wakefield
Superintendent of Public Instruction

To comply with Senate Bill 81, the intent of these regulations is to eliminate the Alternative Route to Licensure for school and program administrators and to create interim route to certification (IRC) endorsements for an administrator of a school and an administrator of a program. The employment opportunities for a professional administrator of a school or professional administrator of a program IRC endorsement holder are unrestricted. Additional language was added regarding reinstatement of an IRC endorsement limiting the time frame, provider options, and number of reinstatement times to once.

NAC 391.170 License or endorsement as professional administrator of school; endorsement as professional administrator of program. ([NRS 385.080](#), [391.019](#), [391.032](#))

1. Except as otherwise provided in [NAC 391.171](#), to receive a license or endorsement as a professional administrator of a school, an applicant:

(a) Must:

(1) Hold a master's degree or higher in educational administration *of PreK-12 grades* from a regionally accredited college or university; and

(2) ~~Submit to the Department evidence of~~ *Have completed at least* 5 years of *full-time classroom* teaching experience as a licensed teacher in a program of early childhood education, kindergarten or grades 1 through 12; or

(b) Must:

(1) Hold a master's degree or higher from a regionally accredited college or university;

(2) Submit to the Department evidence of *at least* 5 years of *full-time classroom* teaching experience as a licensed teacher in a program of early childhood education, kindergarten or grades 1 through 12; and

(3) Have completed at least 36 semester hours of graduate courses in the administration of a *PreK-12* school, which must include course work in:

(I) Administration and organization of a school;

(II) Supervision and evaluation of instruction;

(III) Development of personnel;

(IV) Finances of a school;

(V) The laws that apply to schools;

(VI) Curriculum;

(VII) Research; and

(VIII) Internship or field experience.

2. *Except as otherwise provided for in NAC 391.XXX*, To receive an endorsement as a professional administrator of a program, an applicant must:

(a) Hold a master's degree or higher from a regionally accredited college or university;

(b) Hold a valid special license in the program *area in NAC 391.160(3)* for which an endorsement is requested;

(c) Have ~~and submit to the Department evidence~~ *completed at least* of 5 years of *full-time* experience as a licensed employee in a program *area for which the applicant holds a valid renewable license* ~~of early childhood education, kindergarten or grades 1 through 12~~; and

(d) Have completed at least 27 semester hours in courses of study in administration, which must include course work in:

(1) Administration and organization of a school or the role of an administrator of a program in the applicant's area of endorsement;

(2) General principles of supervision of personnel or supervision of personnel for a program in the applicant's area of endorsement;

(3) Finances of a school or finances of a program in the applicant's area of endorsement;

(4) The laws that apply to schools; and

(5) The evaluation and development of personnel for a school or the evaluation and development of personnel for a program in the applicant's area of endorsement.

[Bd. of Education, Certification Reg. § 391.190, eff. 10-23-81]—(NAC A 12-15-86; A by Comm'n on Prof. Standards in Education, 11-4-91; 7-7-94; 3-28-96, eff. 4-1-97; R021-01, 10-22-2001, eff. 7-1-2002; R005-05, 10-31-2005; R007-10, 5-7-2010; R047-10, 6-30-2010; R115-11, 10-4-2013; R052-17 & R080-17, 6-26-2018)

NAC 391.171 ~~-Conditional~~ *Interim* endorsement as professional administrator of school: Qualifications; authorized employment; term of validity; automatic invalidity; reinstatement; requirements to apply for ~~unconditional~~ *renewable* endorsement. ([NRS 391.019](#), [391.032](#))

1. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall issue an *interim* ~~conditional~~ endorsement as a professional administrator of a school to a person who submits an application which is accompanied by proof satisfactory to the Superintendent of Public Instruction that the applicant:

(a) Has been accepted for enrollment in an approved program for an *alternative interim* route to *certification that is approved by the Commission*; ~~licensure:~~

~~——(1) By a qualified provider that is a regionally accredited institution able to confer a master's degree; and is employed by a school district or charter school in a county or city other than Clark County, Washoe County or Carson City; or~~

~~——(2) By any qualified provider and holds a master's degree from a postsecondary institution that is regionally accredited;~~

(b) Holds a valid renewable elementary, secondary or special license, a valid license to teach special education, a valid license to teach middle school or junior high school education or a valid renewable license to teach pupils in a program of early childhood education, *or a valid renewable Business and Industry License*;

(c) Has completed at least 5 years of *full-time classroom* teaching experience *as a licensed teacher* in *the grade level or subject area for which the applicant holds a*

valid renewable license to teach ~~early childhood education, kindergarten or grades 1 through 12 in schools approved by the State; and~~

(d) Has a bachelor's degree or more advanced degree; and

~~(d)~~ *(e)* Complies with the instructional and training policies and procedures of the ~~qualified~~ provider *of the program for an interim route to certification* relating to professional education administration.

(f) Has paid the fee required by NAC 391.045 for an additional endorsement.

2. *An interim* ~~conditional~~ endorsement as a professional administrator of a school issued pursuant to this section:

(a) Authorizes the holder of the *interim* ~~conditional~~ endorsement to be employed as an administrator in a school district, a charter school or a private school;

(b) Becomes valid on the date on which the holder of the *interim* ~~conditional~~ endorsement satisfies all the requirements of subsection 1;

(c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, is valid for not more than 3 years; and

(d) Is not renewable.

3. If the holder of ~~a~~ *an interim* ~~conditional~~ endorsement issued pursuant to this section withdraws from or is no longer enrolled in a program for an ~~alternative route to licensure~~ *interim route to certification*, the qualified provider of the program in which the holder was enrolled must, not later than 15 days after the holder withdraws or otherwise ceases to be enrolled, notify the ~~Teacher Educator~~ Licensure Office of the Department of the name and license number of the holder, the date on which the holder withdrew or otherwise ceased to be enrolled and the reason that the holder withdrew or ceased to be enrolled. The ~~conditional~~ *interim* endorsement automatically becomes invalid immediately upon the receipt of such notification by the ~~Educator Teacher~~ Licensure Office.

4. The holder of ~~a~~ *an interim* ~~conditional~~ endorsement as a professional administrator that has become invalid pursuant to subsection 3 may apply to the Department for the reinstatement of ~~his or her~~ *the* endorsement *within 1 year of the issuance of the interim* ~~before the expiration of the~~ endorsement if *the holder* ~~he or she~~:

~~—(a) Has not previously applied for the reinstatement of the endorsement after the date on which the endorsement became invalid;~~

~~(b)~~ *(a)* Is accepted by another program *provider* for an ~~alternative~~ *interim* route to ~~certification licensure~~ offered by a qualified provider; and

~~(c)~~ *(b)* Pays the fee required by *NAC 391.045 for an additional endorsement.*

→ An interim endorsement may be reinstated pursuant to this subsection only once.

5. A person who is issued an *interim* ~~conditional~~ endorsement as a professional administrator pursuant to this section may apply for ~~an unconditional~~ *a renewable*

endorsement as a professional administrator *after the completion of at least 2 full school years* if the applicant:

(a) Successfully completes the education and training required by the qualified provider for the program for an *alternative interim* route to licensure, including, without limitation, the supervised, school-based experience provided by the qualified provider; *and*

(b) *Received at least one evaluation rating designating the overall performance of the licensee as highly effective or effective during each school year;*

(c) Pays the appropriate fee *in NAC 391.045 for an additional endorsement; and*

(d) *meets the requirements of NAC 391.170 section 1; except*

(e) *The internship or field experience requirement in section 1, b, 3, VIII is waived for this Interim Route to Certification pathway. The candidate will still need to meet all other requirements including 36 hours of coursework.*

NAC 391.XXX Interim endorsement as professional administrator of a program: Qualifications; authorized employment; term of validity; automatic invalidity; reinstatement; requirements to apply for initial standard endorsement. (NRS 391.019, 391.032)

1. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may issue an interim endorsement as a professional administrator of a program to a person who submits an application which is accompanied by proof satisfactory to the Superintendent of Public Instruction that the applicant:

(a) *Has been accepted for enrollment in an approved program for an interim route to certification that is approved by the Commission;*

(b) *Holds a valid renewable special license in the program area for which an endorsement is requested;*

(c) *Have completed at least 5 years of full-time experience as a licensed employee in a program area in NAC 391.160(3) for which the applicant holds a valid renewable license;*

(d) *Has a bachelor's degree or more advanced degree; and*

(e) *Complies with the instructional and training policies and procedures of the provider of the program for an interim route to certification relating to professional education administration.*

(f) *Pays the fee required by NAC 391.045 for an additional endorsement.*

2. An interim endorsement as a professional administrator of a program issued pursuant to this section:

(a) *Authorizes the holder of the interim endorsement to be employed as an administrator in a school district, charter school, or private school;*

(b) *Becomes valid on the date on which the holder of the interim endorsement satisfies all the requirements of subsection 1;*

(c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, is valid for not more than 3 years; and

(d) Is not renewable.

3. If the holder of an interim endorsement issued pursuant to this section withdraws from or is no longer enrolled in a program, the qualified provider of the program in which the holder was enrolled must, not later than 15 days after the holder withdraws or otherwise ceases to be enrolled, notify the Educator Licensure Office of the Department of the name and license number of the holder, the date on which the holder withdrew or otherwise ceased to be enrolled and the reason that the holder withdrew or ceased to be enrolled. The interim endorsement automatically becomes invalid immediately upon the receipt of such notification by the Educator Licensure Office.

4. The holder of an interim endorsement as a professional administrator of a program that has become invalid pursuant to subsection 3 may apply to the Department for the reinstatement of the endorsement within 1 year of the issuance of the interim endorsement if the holder:

(a) Is accepted by another program provider for an interim route to licensure offered by a qualified provider; and

(b) Pays the fee required by NAC 391.045 for an additional endorsement.

➔ An interim endorsement may be reinstated pursuant to this subsection only once.

5. A person who is issued an interim endorsement as a professional administrator of a program pursuant to this section may apply for a renewable endorsement as a professional administrator of a program after the completion of at least 2 full school years if the applicant:

(a) Successfully completes the education and training required by the qualified provider for the program for an interim route to licensure, including, without limitation, the supervised, school-based experience provided by the qualified provider;

(b) Received at least one evaluation rating designating the overall performance of the licensee as highly effective or effective during each school year;

(c) Pays the appropriate fee in NAC 391.045 for an additional endorsement; and

(d) meets the requirements of NAC 391.170 section 2.

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9:02 A.M. Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.215 – Endorsement to teach art, 391.270 – Endorsement to teach music, 391.280 – Endorsement to teach physical education, and 391.281 – Endorsement to teach physical education and health, and 391.096 – Qualifications for elementary and middle school physical education license; authorized employment. The Commission will consider a regulation to update NAC 391.270, 391.280, 391.281, and repeal 391.096. This regulation will comply with Senate Bill 400 requiring that educators who teach music or art have an endorsement in music or art to be employed in certain districts and schools. The Commission may approve or not approve moving this item to a Public Hearing.

A copy of all materials relating to the proposal may be obtained at the workshop, on the [Meeting Materials page](#), by contacting the Nevada Department of Education, via email at geraldine.mendiola@doe.nv.gov, by telephone at 702-668-4317, or in person at the **Old Assembly Room, Nevada State Capital, 101 N. Carson Street, Carson City, NV 89701** and **Nevada Department of Education, 2080 East Flamingo Road, Suite 114, Las Vegas, NV 89119**. Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Department of Education may provide in-person testimony, submit written comment to the Department via email at COPS@doe.nv.gov or submit their comments, data, views, or arguments in written form to the **Nevada Department of Education Offices, 700 East Fifth Street, Silver Ore Conference Room, Carson City** and **2080 East Flamingo Road, Room 114, Las Vegas, Nevada**. Comments may be submitted via email leading up to and for the duration of the workshop, and those submitted via mail must be received by the Department on or before **Friday, November 14, 2025**.

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SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT
PURSUANT TO NRS 233B.0608

DATE: November 4, 2025

RE: Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.215 – Endorsement to teach art, 391.270 – Endorsement to teach music, 391.280 – Endorsement to teach physical education, and 391.281 – Endorsement to teach physical education and health, and 391.096 – Qualifications for elementary and middle school physical education license; authorized employment.

I, Victor Wakefield, being the duly appointed Superintendent of Public Instruction of the Nevada Department of Education, do hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge or belief:

1. The proposed regulation is not likely to (a) impose a direct or significant economic burden upon a small business, or (b) directly restrict the formation, operation, or expansion of a small business.
2. A concerted effort was made to determine any economic burden.
3. All relevant materials were reviewed, and the Department considered its history with implementing similar regulations; the proposed changes are within the scope of the Department's activities and present no significant cost of enforcement.
4. Comments have not been solicited from small businesses, and no summary of their response is provided, because small businesses are not impacted by this regulation and thus no burden or adverse economic impact can be assessed.

I hereby further certify that, to the best of my knowledge or belief, a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the regulation on small businesses and that the information contained in this statement was prepared properly and is accurate.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "V. Wakefield".

Dr. Victor Wakefield
Superintendent of Public Instruction

To comply with SB400, the intent of this regulation is to require that educators who teach music or art have an endorsement in music or art to be employed in a school district with 200,000 or more pupils or a school with 500 or more students. At the request of the Department and in consultation with the bill sponsor, Physical Education and Health are also included in this regulation.

NAC 391.215 Endorsement to teach art. ([NRS 385.080](#), [391.019](#)) To receive an endorsement to teach art *for grades K-12*, a person must hold a bachelor's degree and:

1. Have completed an approved program of preparation for teaching art; or
2. Have completed:
 - (a) Thirty-six semester hours in the principles of fine and applied arts which included:
 - (1) The history of art;
 - (2) Design;
 - (3) Drawing;
 - (4) Painting;
 - (5) Digital or graphic arts;
 - (6) Ceramics or sculpture; and
 - (7) Photography or printmaking; and
 - (b) Twenty-two semester hours of professional education which included:
 - (1) Foundations of education;
 - (2) Methods of teaching art in elementary or secondary schools; and
 - (3) Eight semester hours of supervised teaching.

New section: To be employed in an elementary school in a district that has more than 200,000 pupils or an elementary school that has more than 500 pupils, a license holder must hold a K-12 endorsement in art effective July 1, 2029.

New section: Holders of an elementary art endorsement, shall no longer hold that endorsement and shall be issued the endorsement in NAC 391.215 – Endorsement to Teach Art on the effective date of adoption.

NAC 391.270 Endorsement to teach music. ([NRS 385.080](#), [391.019](#)) To receive an endorsement to teach music *for grades K-12*, a person must have a bachelor's degree and:

1. Have completed an approved program of preparation for teaching music; or
2. Have completed:
 - (a) Twenty-two semester hours of professional education which included:
 - (1) Foundations of education;
 - (2) Methods of teaching music in elementary or secondary grades; and
 - (3) Eight semester hours of supervised teaching; and
 - (b) Thirty-six semester hours in the foundations of music which included:
 - (1) Music theory;
 - (2) The history or literature of music;
 - (3) Applied music, including an area of specialization in vocal or instrumental music;
 - (4) Conducting;
 - (5) Techniques for brass, woodwind, percussion, piano and string instruments;
 - (6) Diction or vocal techniques and pedagogy; and
 - (7) Music ensemble.

New section: To be employed in an elementary school in a district that has more than 200,000 pupils or an elementary school that has more than 500 pupils, a license holder must hold a K-12 endorsement in music effective July 1, 2029.

New section: Holders of an elementary music endorsement, shall no longer hold that endorsement and shall be issued the endorsement in NAC 391.270 – Endorsement to Teach Music on the effective date of adoption.

NAC 391.280 Endorsement to teach physical education. ([NRS 385.080](#), [391.019](#))

To receive an endorsement to teach physical education *for grades K-12*, a person must hold a bachelor's degree and have completed:

1. An approved program of preparation for teaching physical education in kindergarten through grade 12; or

2. A course of study consisting of:

(a) Forty-two semester hours of credit which includes course work in each of the following areas of study:

(1) Anatomical kinesiology or mechanical kinesiology, or both;

(2) The physiology of exercise;

(3) Testing and measuring the skill and ability of a pupil in physical education;

(4) The psychological or social aspects of physical education, or both;

(5) Motor learning or motor development;

(6) Adapted physical education;

(7) Movement activities for pupils in preschool and primary grades;

(8) Movement activities for pupils in intermediate grades;

(9) Advanced first aid or an equivalent course of study; and

(10) Methods and techniques of teaching:

(I) Physical fitness;

(II) Team sports;

(III) Rhythms and dance or rhythmic activities for pupils in elementary school; and

(IV) Individual sports; and

(b) Twenty-two semester hours of credit in professional education which included:

(1) Foundations of education;

(2) Methods of teaching physical education in elementary and secondary grades; and

(3) Eight semester hours of credit as a student teacher in a composite program in elementary school, middle school or junior high school, and high school grades which includes 4 semester hours of credit in elementary grades and 4 semester hours of credit in secondary grades.

New section: To be employed in an elementary school in a district that has more than 200,000 or an elementary school that has more than 500 pupils, a license holder must hold a K-12 endorsement in Physical Education effective July 1, 2029.

New section: Endorsement holders of NAC 391.096 – Qualifications for elementary and middle school physical education license; authorized employment., shall no longer hold that endorsement and shall be issued the endorsement in NAC 391.280 – Endorsement to teach Physical Education on the effective date of adoption.

NAC 391.281 Endorsement to teach physical education and health. ([NRS 391.019](#)) To receive an endorsement to teach physical education and health *for grades K-12*, a person must hold a bachelor's degree and have completed:

1. An approved program of preparation for teaching physical education and health to pupils in kindergarten through grade 12; or

2. A course of study consisting of:

(a) Fifty-one semester hours of credit which includes course work in each of the following areas of study:

- (1) Anatomical kinesiology or mechanical kinesiology, or both;
- (2) The physiology of exercise;
- (3) Testing and measuring the skill and ability of a pupil in physical education;
- (4) The psychological or social aspects of physical education, or both;
- (5) Motor learning or motor development, or both;
- (6) Adapted physical education;
- (7) Movement activities for pupils in preschool and primary grades;
- (8) Movement activities for pupils in intermediate grades;
- (9) Advanced first aid or an equivalent course of study;
- (10) Sex education;
- (11) Nutrition;
- (12) Substance abuse;
- (13) Personal health or personal hygiene, or both; and
- (14) Methods and techniques of teaching:

(I) Physical fitness;

(II) Team sports;

(III) Rhythms and dance or rhythmic activities for pupils in elementary school; and

(IV) Individual sports; and

(b) Twenty-two semester hours of credit in professional education which includes:

(1) Foundations of education;

(2) Methods of teaching physical education to pupils in elementary and secondary grades; and

(3) Eight semester hours of credit as a student teacher in a composite program in elementary and secondary grades which includes 4 semester hours of credit in elementary grades and 4 semester hours of credit in secondary grades.

New section: To be employed in an elementary school in a district that has more than 200,000 or an elementary school that has more than 500 pupils, a license holder must hold a K-12 endorsement in Physical Education and Health effective July 1, 2029.

~~NAC 391.096 Qualifications for elementary and middle school physical education license; authorized employment. (NRS 391.019)~~

~~—1. To receive a license designated as an elementary and middle school physical education license, a person must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and must have completed 58 semester hours of credit in courses in professional studies in physical education for pupils in elementary or middle school or junior high school grades, consisting of:~~

~~—(a) Eighteen semester hours of credit which includes course work in each of the following areas of study:~~

~~—(1) Anatomical kinesiology or mechanical kinesiology, or both;~~

~~—(2) The physiology of exercise;~~

~~—(3) The psychological aspects or social aspects of physical education, or both;~~

~~—(4) Motor development;~~

~~—(5) Testing and measuring skills and abilities in physical education; and~~

~~—(6) Advanced first aid or an equivalent course of study;~~

~~—(b) Eighteen semester hours of credit in teaching elementary physical education, including, without limitation, teaching:~~

~~—(1) Adapted physical education;~~

~~—(2) Rhythmic activities for pupils in elementary grades;~~

~~—(3) Movement experiences for pupils in preschool and primary grades; and~~

~~—(4) Movement experiences for pupils in intermediate grades; and~~

~~—(c) Twenty-two semester hours of credit in professional education including:~~

~~—(1) Foundations of education;~~

~~—(2) Methods of teaching in elementary physical education; and~~

~~—(3) Eight semester hours of credit in supervised student teaching of physical education for pupils in elementary or middle school or junior high school grades.~~

~~—2. An elementary and middle school physical education license issued in accordance with this section authorizes the holder of the license to teach only physical education to pupils in elementary or middle school or junior high school grades.~~

~~—3. A person is not required to hold an elementary and middle school physical education license to teach physical education to pupils in elementary or middle school or junior high school grades. The provisions of this subsection do not prohibit a school district from requiring an elementary and middle school physical education license as a requirement for employment to teach physical education in that school district.~~

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9:03 A.M. Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments NAC Chapter 391.063 – Voluntary surrender and reinstatement of license or endorsement. The Commission will consider a regulation to update NAC 391.063. This regulation will remove the requirement of a notarized statement of surrender of an endorsement. The Commission may approve or not approve moving this item to a Public Hearing.

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PURSUANT TO NRS 233B.0608

DATE: November 4, 2025

RE: Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments NAC Chapter 391.063 – Voluntary surrender and reinstatement of license or endorsement.

I, Victor Wakefield, being the duly appointed Superintendent of Public Instruction of the Nevada Department of Education, do hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge or belief:

1. The proposed regulation is not likely to (a) impose a direct or significant economic burden upon a small business, or (b) directly restrict the formation, operation, or expansion of a small business.
2. A concerted effort was made to determine any economic burden.
3. All relevant materials were reviewed, and the Department considered its history with implementing similar regulations; the proposed changes are within the scope of the Department's activities and present no significant cost of enforcement.
4. Comments have not been solicited from small businesses, and no summary of their response is provided, because small businesses are not impacted by this regulation and thus no burden or adverse economic impact can be assessed.

I hereby further certify that, to the best of my knowledge or belief, a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the regulation on small businesses and that the information contained in this statement was prepared properly and is accurate.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "V. Wakefield".

Dr. Victor Wakefield
Superintendent of Public Instruction

The intent of this regulation is to remove the notarized requirement to surrender an endorsement.

NAC 391.063 Voluntary surrender and reinstatement of license or endorsement. ([NRS 391.019](#))

1. A person may voluntarily surrender his or her license ~~or endorsement~~ by submitting a notarized statement of surrender to the Department. *or a person may voluntarily surrender an endorsement by submitting a request to the Department.*

2. A person who has voluntarily surrendered his or her license or endorsement and wishes to reinstate it must reapply for the license or endorsement by following the procedures and meeting all requirements as if the person were applying for a new license or endorsement.

3. A fee will be charged for the issuance of the new license pursuant to [NRS 391.040](#).

4. The voluntary surrender of a license or the failure to renew a license does not preclude the Board from hearing a complaint for disciplinary action made against the licensee.

(Added to NAC by Comm'n on Prof. Standards in Education, eff. 10-23-92)

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9:04 A.M. Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.223 – Endorsement to provide audiological services; exception. The Commission will consider a regulation to ensure that a person who provides services as an audiologist in a public school holds an audiologist endorsement. The Commission may approve or not approve moving this item to a Public Hearing.

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DATE: November 4, 2025

RE: Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.223 – Endorsement to provide audiological services; exception.

I, Victor Wakefield, being the duly appointed Superintendent of Public Instruction of the Nevada Department of Education, do hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge or belief:

1. The proposed regulation is not likely to (a) impose a direct or significant economic burden upon a small business, or (b) directly restrict the formation, operation, or expansion of a small business.
2. A concerted effort was made to determine any economic burden.
3. All relevant materials were reviewed, and the Department considered its history with implementing similar regulations; the proposed changes are within the scope of the Department's activities and present no significant cost of enforcement.
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Respectfully submitted,

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Dr. Victor Wakefield
Superintendent of Public Instruction

The intent of this regulation is to ensure that a person who provides services as an audiologist in a public school holds an audiologist endorsement. Transitory language for providers already employed will be similar to R124-22 Sec. 7.

APPROVED REGULATION OF THE COMMISSION ON

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION

LCB File No. R121-22

Filed June 2, 2023

EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§ 1-5, NRS 391.019.

A REGULATION relating to educational personnel; exempting a person who holds only a special license with an endorsement to provide audiological services from certain provisions; exempting a person who holds only a special license with an endorsement to serve as a school nurse from certain provisions; exempting a person who holds only a special license with an endorsement to serve as a social worker from certain provisions; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to adopt regulations relating to the licensure of teachers and other educational personnel. (NRS 391.019) Existing regulations authorize a person to receive an endorsement to provide audiological services, to serve as a school nurse or to serve as a social worker if he or she meets certain requirements. (NAC 391.223, 391.305, 391.320) This regulation exempts a person who holds only a special license with an endorsement to provide audiological services, to serve as a school nurse or to serve as a social worker from certain requirements relating to competency testing and continuing education or professional development.

Section 1. NAC 391.036 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.036 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, paragraph (h) of subsection 1 of NRS 391.019, NAC 391.0545, paragraph (a) of subsection 9 of NAC 391.0896, subsection 7 of NAC 391.0897, *subsection 3 of NAC 391.223*, paragraph (b) of subsection 3 of NAC 391.233, subsection 3 of NAC 391.276, *subsection 4 of NAC 391.305, subsection 4 of NAC 391.320*, paragraph (b) of subsection 3 of NAC 391.425 and subsection 6 of NAC 391.436, an applicant

who applies for: A license must pass a competency test that has been approved by the Commission, at the level of competence specified by the Commission, in:

- (1) Basic reading, writing and mathematics;
- (2) The principles and methods of teaching; and
- (3) The subject matter of the area of endorsement on the license or the area of endorsement necessary for the applicant's area of assignment.

(b) An additional endorsement on a license held by the applicant must pass a competency test that has been approved by the Commission, at the level of competence specified by the Commission, in the subject matter of the area of endorsement for which the applicant is applying.

2. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may exempt an applicant from any of the tests required by subsection 1 if the applicant:

- (a) Submits to the Department evidence that he or she:
 - (1) Has retired from teaching in this State;
 - (2) Held a special license, a license to teach elementary or secondary education, a license to teach special education, a license to teach pupils in a program of early childhood education or a license to teach middle school or junior high school education, which:
 - (I) Has expired within the year immediately preceding the date on which his or her application was submitted;
 - (II) Was free from any conditions that the applicant pass a competency test; and
 - (III) Authorized the applicant to teach in the same grade level and subject area for which he or she is applying to receive a license;

(3) Was required, for the issuance of the applicant's expired license, to complete courses of study and experience which are substantially equivalent to the courses of study and experience required for the issuance of the license for which he or she is applying; and

(4) Otherwise satisfies the requirements for the issuance of a license;

(b) Submits to the Department evidence that the applicant has passed, as part of a teacher education program approved by a state and offered through a regionally accredited college or university, competency examinations equivalent to those required of the applicant by subsection 1, as determined by the Department; or

(c) Submits to the Department evidence that the applicant holds a license to teach issued by another state which is acceptable to the Department for purposes of reciprocity.

3. An applicant is exempt from the requirement to pass a competency test in basic reading, writing and mathematics if the applicant submits to the Department:

(a) Official documentation which indicates that he or she passed, within the 5 years immediately preceding the date on which his or her application was submitted and at the level of competency specified by the Commission:

(1) The "Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators" in reading, mathematics and writing, prepared and administered by the Educational Testing Service; or

(2) A test of basic skills that is determined by the Department to be equivalent to the test prescribed by subparagraph 1; or

(b) Evidence that the applicant has:

(1) Received a master's or more advanced degree from a regionally accredited college or university; and

(2) Completed, within the 5 years immediately preceding the date on which his or her application was submitted, the “Graduate Record Examinations,” prepared and administered by the Educational Testing Service, or its equivalent, and received a score which was at or above the midpoint of the score range in effect at the time the examination was administered.

4. An applicant is exempt from the requirement to pass a competency test in the principles and methods of teaching if he or she:

(a) Submits to the Department official documentation which indicates that the applicant passed, at the level of competency specified by the Commission, the “Principles of Learning and Teaching Test” prepared and administered by the Educational Testing Service; or

(b) Is applying for a license with an endorsement in an area for which training in the principles and methods of teaching is not required.

5. An applicant is exempt from the requirement to pass a competency test in the subject matter of the area of endorsement if he or she:

(a) Submits to the Department official documentation which indicates that the applicant passed, within the 5 years immediately preceding the date on which his or her application was submitted and at the level of competency specified by the Commission, the competency test in that subject matter;

(b) Is applying for a license or endorsement in an area for which no competency tests have been approved by the Commission;

(c) Is applying for an endorsement to teach pupils who have speech and language impairments and submits to the Department official documentation which indicates that he or she has received a certificate of clinical competence from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association; or

(d) Is applying for an endorsement in family and consumer sciences and submits to the Department official documentation which indicates that the applicant satisfactorily completed the “Family and Consumer Sciences Composite Examination,” prepared and administered by the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

6. An applicant who fails to comply with the provisions of this section may not apply for a renewable license.

Sec. 2. NAC 391.065 is hereby amended to read as follows:

FIRST
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SECTION

391.065 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, subsection 7 of NAC 391.0897 and subsection 3 of NAC 391.276, a license issued before June 26, 2019, that is renewable may be renewed only one time after June 26, 2019, if its holder earns 6 semester hours of credit or the equivalent during the term of the license, in addition to those prescribed by NRS 391.0347, if applicable. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 4 and 5, each additional renewal of a license that has been renewed pursuant to this subsection must be made in accordance with subsection 2.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 1, 4 and 5 and subsection 3 of NAC 391.276, a license issued or renewed on or after June 26, 2019, that is renewable may be renewed if the licensee submits to the Department with the request for renewal, in addition to proof of completion prescribed by NRS 391.0347, if applicable, made pursuant to NAC 391.070 either:

(a) Proof, which may include, without limitation, a certificate, transcript, letter from an employer or form verifying attendance, that, during each calendar year for which the license was valid, the licensee has:

(1) Completed, designed or provided, in accordance with subsection 3, at least 15 hours of professional development or the equivalent amount of in-service training or 1 semester hour of credit of course work at a regionally accredited college or university in any subject;

(2) If the licensee holds a master's degree or more advanced degree, taught a course at a regionally accredited college or university that directly relates to the profession of education or the subject area of the endorsement held by the licensee; or

(3) If the licensee holds an occupational license that directly relates to the subject area for which the licensee holds an educational license or endorsement, completed professional development or continuing education that is:

(I) Required for the renewal of the occupational license by the professional licensing board or agency in this State that issued the occupational license; or

(II) Directly related to the profession for which the licensee holds an occupational license and is offered by a nationally recognized organization that provides continuing education in the field of the occupational license; or

(b) A copy of a certificate issued to the licensee by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards or its successor organization which evidences completion of the requirements for certification by that organization.

3. The professional development, in-service training or course work completed, designed or provided to fulfill the requirements of subparagraph (1) of paragraph (a) of subsection 2 must directly relate to the profession of education or the area for which the license is endorsed and may:

(a) Include any professional development, in-service training or course work completed to fulfill another requirement prescribed by this chapter;

(b) Be obtained at any time, including, without limitation, during the regular working hours of the licensee; and

(c) Be provided by any person or entity including, without limitation, a college, university, school or school district, regional training program, as defined in NRS 391A.105, employee organization or educational conference.

4. If a licensee is not able to complete the requirements of subparagraph (1) of paragraph (a) of subsection 2 during any calendar year in which the license is valid, the licensee may complete the requirements, in addition to the requirements for the next calendar year, during the next calendar year. A licensee may only carry over requirements to the next calendar year one time during the period for which the license is valid unless the board of trustees of the school district or the governing body of the school, as applicable, or the designee thereof approves in writing another extension upon finding the extension is justified. A licensee who receives such approval must submit the written approval with his or her request to renew the license.

5. The provisions of this section do not apply to the renewal of a:

(a) License pursuant to NAC 391.073.

(b) Special license, if the only endorsement of the special license is an endorsement ~~that~~ :

(1) As a substitute teacher in kindergarten through grade 12 issued pursuant to NAC 391.0897 ~~that~~ ;

(2) To provide audiological services issued pursuant to NAC 391.223;

(3) As a school nurse issued pursuant to NAC 391.305; or

(4) To serve as a social worker issued pursuant to NAC 391.320.

6. The Department may request from any person or entity records necessary to confirm information submitted by a licensee pursuant to this section.

Sec. 3. NAC 391.223 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.223 1. To receive an endorsement to provide audiological services to pupils who are at least 3 years of age but less than 22 years of age, a person must hold a:

(a) Certificate of Clinical Competence as an audiologist issued by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association;

(b) Master's degree in audiology from an institution accredited by a regional accrediting association; or

(c) Master's degree in any subject from an institution accredited by a regional accrediting association and have:

(1) Successfully completed at least 300 hours of supervised clinical experience in audiology or speech-language pathology, or both; and

(2) Earned at least 60 credits in courses related to the normal development, function and use of speech and language or hearing, including, but not limited to, the management of disorders of speech or hearing and the legal, professional and ethical practices of audiology or speech-language pathology. At least 24 credits, not including credits earned for a thesis or dissertation, must have been earned in courses directly relating to audiology or speech-language pathology.

2. A person is ~~not~~ required to have an endorsement issued pursuant to subsection 1 to provide audiological services to pupils who are at least 3 years of age but less than 22 years of age.

3. *A person who holds only a special license with an endorsement to provide audiological services is exempt from the requirements of NAC 391.036 and 391.065.*

4. *A person who is employed on and maintains continuous employment in a public school after the effective date of this regulation is not required to hold the endorsement.*

Sec. 4. NAC 391.305 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.305 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section and NAC 391.307, to receive an endorsement to serve as a school nurse, a person must hold a valid license issued by the State Board of Nursing to practice as a registered nurse and must:

(a) Submit evidence of having received a baccalaureate degree and having completed an educational program that:

(1) Grants postgraduate certificates in school nursing; and

(2) Is under a regionally accredited institution of higher learning;

(b) Hold a degree in nursing earned under a college or university baccalaureate program in nursing accredited by the National League for Nursing or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education;

(c) Submit evidence of having received:

(1) A baccalaureate degree; and

(2) Certification as a school nurse from the National Board for Certification of School Nurses; or

(d) Hold a baccalaureate degree and certification as a:

(1) Family nursing practitioner;

(2) Pediatric nursing practitioner;

(3) School nursing practitioner; or

(4) School nursing generalist,

↳ from the American Nurses Association or from the State Board of Nursing.

2. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may grant an endorsement to a person who is a registered nurse and holds a baccalaureate degree from a program in nursing that is not accredited by the National League for Nursing or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing

Education if, in his or her discretion, the courses offered and requirements for a diploma from the unaccredited program are comparable with an accredited program.

3. To renew an endorsement to serve as a school nurse, the holder must continue to hold a valid license issued by the State Board of Nursing.

4. A person who holds only a special license with an endorsement as a school nurse is exempt from the provisions of NAC 391.036 ~~H~~ and 391.065.

Sec. 5. NAC 391.320 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.320 1. To receive an endorsement to serve as a social worker, a person must:

(a) Hold a current license issued by the Board of Examiners for Social Workers or hold a current equivalent license issued by a similar agency in another state and agree to obtain a license issued by the Board of Examiners for Social Workers within 1 year after the date on which the person applied for an endorsement; and

(b) Have completed an educational program for social workers in schools which includes a practicum in schools or the equivalent professional or practicum experience providing services directly to children of school age, both individually and in groups, and to their families.

2. In addition to the requirements listed in subsection 1, a person who wishes to receive such an endorsement must:

(a) Have completed a program to serve as a social worker in schools that is approved by the Board;

(b) Hold the credential issued by the National Association of Social Workers certifying that the holder is a specialist in social work in schools; or

(c) Hold a master's degree in social work from a college or university that has been accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

3. An endorsement to serve as a social worker held by a person who is not licensed in this State expires 1 year after the date on which the holder applied for the endorsement if the holder has not obtained a license issued by the Board of Examiners for Social Workers by that date.

4. *A person who holds only a special license with an endorsement to serve as a social worker is exempt from the requirements of NAC 391.036 and 391.065.*

5. To renew the endorsement, the holder must:

(a) Continue to hold a valid license issued by the Board of Examiners for Social Workers;
and

(b) Each time that the license is renewed by the Board of Examiners for Social Workers, deliver a copy of the license to the Office of Educator *Development*, Licensure *and Family Engagement* within the Department.

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9:05 A.M. Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.277 – Endorsement to provide services as an Occupational Therapist, 391.279 – Endorsement to provide services as a Physical Therapist, 391.XXX Endorsements to provide services as an Occupational or Physical Therapist Assistant. The Commission will consider a regulation to ensure that a person who provides services as an occupational or physical therapist or a person who provides services as an occupational or physical therapist assistant in a public school holds a corresponding endorsement. The Commission may approve or not approve moving this item to a Public Hearing.

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SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT
PURSUANT TO NRS 233B.0608

DATE: November 4, 2025

RE: Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.277 – Endorsement to provide services as an Occupational Therapist, 391.279 – Endorsement to provide services as a Physical Therapist, 391.XXX Endorsements to provide services as an Occupational or Physical Therapist Assistant.

I, Victor Wakefield, being the duly appointed Superintendent of Public Instruction of the Nevada Department of Education, do hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge or belief:

1. The proposed regulation is not likely to (a) impose a direct or significant economic burden upon a small business, or (b) directly restrict the formation, operation, or expansion of a small business.
2. A concerted effort was made to determine any economic burden.
3. All relevant materials were reviewed, and the Department considered its history with implementing similar regulations; the proposed changes are within the scope of the Department's activities and present no significant cost of enforcement.
4. Comments have not been solicited from small businesses, and no summary of their response is provided, because small businesses are not impacted by this regulation and thus no burden or adverse economic impact can be assessed.

I hereby further certify that, to the best of my knowledge or belief, a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the regulation on small businesses and that the information contained in this statement was prepared properly and is accurate.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "V. Wakefield".

Dr. Victor Wakefield
Superintendent of Public Instruction

The intent of this regulation is to ensure a person who is providing physical or occupational therapy services holds an endorsement to provide those services. Transitory language for providers already employed will be similar to R124-22 Sec. 7.

**APPROVED REGULATION OF THE COMMISSION ON
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION**

LCB File No. R123-22

Filed June 2, 2023

EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§ 1-7, NRS 391.019.

A REGULATION relating to educational personnel; establishing qualifications to receive an endorsement to provide services to pupils as an occupational therapy assistant; establishing qualifications to receive an endorsement to provide services to pupils as a physical therapist assistant; revising the qualifications to receive an endorsement to provide services to pupils as an occupational therapist; revising the qualifications to receive an endorsement to provide services to pupils as a physical therapist; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to adopt regulations, including, without limitation, regulations: (1) prescribing the qualifications for licensing teachers and other educational personnel; (2) identifying fields of specialization in teaching which require specialized training; and (3) setting forth the requirements a person must satisfy to qualify for an endorsement in each field of specialization. (NRS 391.019)

Existing regulations prescribe the required qualifications to receive an endorsement to teach pupils in a program of occupational therapy. (NAC 391.277) **Section 2** of this regulation requires a person to hold a license as an occupational therapy assistant issued by the Board of Occupational Therapy in order to receive an endorsement to provide services to pupils as an occupational therapy assistant. **Section 2** also provides that such an endorsement is not required to provide services to pupils as an occupational therapy assistant in a program of occupational therapy.

Section 6 of this regulation removes all but one of the required qualifications to receive an endorsement to provide services to pupils as an occupational therapist. The remaining qualification is that a person must hold a license as an occupational therapist issued by the Board of Occupational Therapy.

Sections 2 and 6 exempt a person who holds only a special license with an endorsement to provide services as an occupational therapy assistant or an occupational therapist from existing regulations which require competency testing for an initial license and certain other requirements for renewing a license. (NAC 391.036, 391.065)

Existing regulations prescribe the qualifications to receive an endorsement to teach pupils in a program of physical therapy. (NAC 391.279) **Section 3** of this regulation requires a person

to hold a license as a physical therapist assistant issued by the Nevada Physical Therapy Board in order to receive an endorsement to provide services to pupils as a physical therapist assistant. **Section 3** also provides that such an endorsement is not required to provide services to pupils as a physical therapist assistant in a program of physical therapy.

Section 7 of this regulation removes all but one of the required qualifications to receive an endorsement to provide services to pupils as a physical therapist. The remaining qualification is that a person must hold a license as a physical therapist issued by the Nevada Physical Therapy Board.

Sections 3 and 7 exempt a person who holds only a special license with an endorsement to provide services as a physical therapist assistant or a physical therapist from existing regulations which require competency testing for an initial license and certain other requirements for renewing a license. (NAC 391.036, 391.065) **Sections 4 and 5** of this regulation make conforming changes to add the exemptions contained in **sections 2, 3, 6 and 7**.

Section 1. Chapter 391 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this regulation.

Sec. 2. 1. *To receive an endorsement to provide services to pupils as an occupational therapy assistant in a program of occupational therapy, a person must hold a license as an occupational therapy assistant issued by the Board of Occupational Therapy in this State.*

2. A person who holds only a special license with an endorsement to provide services as an occupational therapy assistant is exempt from the requirements of NAC 391.036 and 391.065.

3. Such an endorsement is ~~not~~ required to provide services to pupils as an occupational therapy assistant in a program of occupational therapy.

4. A person who is employed on and maintains continuous employment in a public school after the effective date of this regulation is not required to hold the endorsement.

Sec. 3. 1. *To receive an endorsement to provide services to pupils as a physical therapist assistant in a program of physical therapy, a person must hold a license as a physical therapist assistant issued by the Nevada Physical Therapy Board.*

2. A person who holds only a special license with an endorsement to provide

services as a physical therapist assistant is exempt from the requirements of NAC 391.036 and 391.065.

3. Such an endorsement is ~~not~~ required to provide services to pupils as a physical therapist assistant in a program of physical therapy.

4. A person who is employed on and maintains continuous employment in a public school after the effective date of this regulation is not required to hold the endorsement.

Sec. 4. NAC 391.036 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.036 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, paragraph (h) of subsection 1 of NRS 391.019, NAC 391.0545, paragraph (a) of subsection 9 of NAC 391.0896, subsection 7 of NAC 391.0897, paragraph (b) of subsection 3 of NAC 391.233, subsection 3 of NAC 391.276, *subsection 2 of NAC 391.277, subsection 2 of NAC 391.279*, paragraph (b) of subsection 3 of NAC 391.425 and subsection 6 of NAC 391.436, *and subsection 2 of section 2 of this regulation and subsection 2 of section 3 of this regulation*, an applicant who applies for:

(a) A license must pass a competency test that has been approved by the Commission, at the level of competence specified by the Commission, in:

- (1) Basic reading, writing and mathematics;
- (2) The principles and methods of teaching; and
- (3) The subject matter of the area of endorsement on the license or the area of endorsement necessary for the applicant's area of assignment.

(b) An additional endorsement on a license held by the applicant must pass a competency test that has been approved by the Commission, at the level of competence specified by the Commission, in the subject matter of the area of endorsement for which the applicant is applying.

2. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may exempt an applicant from any of the tests

required by subsection 1 if the applicant:

(a) Submits to the Department evidence that he or she:

(1) Has retired from teaching in this State;

(2) Held a special license, a license to teach elementary or secondary education, a license to teach special education, a license to teach pupils in a program of early childhood education or a license to teach middle school or junior high school education, which:

(I) Has expired within the year immediately preceding the date on which his or her application was submitted;

(II) Was free from any conditions that the applicant pass a competency test; and

(III) Authorized the applicant to teach in the same grade level and subject area for which he or she is applying to receive a license;

(3) Was required, for the issuance of the applicant's expired license, to complete courses of study and experience which are substantially equivalent to the courses of study and experience required for the issuance of the license for which he or she is applying; and

(4) Otherwise satisfies the requirements for the issuance of a license;

(b) Submits to the Department evidence that the applicant has passed, as part of a teacher education program approved by a state and offered through a regionally accredited college or university, competency examinations equivalent to those required of the applicant by subsection 1, as determined by the Department; or

(c) Submits to the Department evidence that the applicant holds a license to teach issued by another state which is acceptable to the Department for purposes of reciprocity.

3. An applicant is exempt from the requirement to pass a competency test in basic reading, writing and mathematics if the applicant submits to the Department:

(a) Official documentation which indicates that he or she passed, within the 5 years

immediately preceding the date on which his or her application was submitted and at the level of competency specified by the Commission:

(1) The “Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators” in reading, mathematics and writing, prepared and administered by the Educational Testing Service; or

(2) A test of basic skills that is determined by the Department to be equivalent to the test prescribed by subparagraph 1; or

(b) Evidence that the applicant has:

(1) Received a master’s or more advanced degree from a regionally accredited college or university; and

(2) Completed, within the 5 years immediately preceding the date on which his or her application was submitted, the “Graduate Record Examinations,” prepared and administered by the Educational Testing Service, or its equivalent, and received a score which was at or above the midpoint of the score range in effect at the time the examination was administered.

4. An applicant is exempt from the requirement to pass a competency test in the principles and methods of teaching if he or she:

(a) Submits to the Department official documentation which indicates that the applicant passed, at the level of competency specified by the Commission, the “Principles of Learning and Teaching Test” prepared and administered by the Educational Testing Service; or

(b) Is applying for a license with an endorsement in an area for which training in the principles and methods of teaching is not required.

5. An applicant is exempt from the requirement to pass a competency test in the subject matter of the area of endorsement if he or she:

(a) Submits to the Department official documentation which indicates that the applicant passed, within the 5 years immediately preceding the date on which his or her application was

submitted and at the level of competency specified by the Commission, the competency test in that subject matter;

(b) Is applying for a license or endorsement in an area for which no competency tests have been approved by the Commission;

(c) Is applying for an endorsement to teach pupils who have speech and language impairments and submits to the Department official documentation which indicates that he or she has received a certificate of clinical competence from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association; or

(d) Is applying for an endorsement in family and consumer sciences and submits to the Department official documentation which indicates that the applicant satisfactorily completed the “Family and Consumer Sciences Composite Examination,” prepared and administered by the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

6. An applicant who fails to comply with the provisions of this section may not apply for a renewable license.

Sec. 5. NAC 391.065 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.065 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, subsection 7 of NAC 391.0897 , ~~and~~ subsection 3 of NAC 391.276, *subsection 2 of NAC 391.277, subsection 2 of NAC 391.279 and subsection 2 of section 2 of this regulation and subsection 2 of section 3 of this regulation*, a license issued before June 26, 2019, that is renewable may be renewed only one time after June 26, 2019, if its holder earns 6 semester hours of credit or the equivalent during the term of the license, in addition to those prescribed by NRS 391.0347, if applicable. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 4 and 5, each additional renewal of a license that has been renewed pursuant to this subsection must be made in accordance with subsection 2.

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2. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 1, 4 and 5 and subsection 3 of NAC 391.276, a license issued or renewed on or after June 26, 2019, that is renewable may be renewed if the licensee submits to the Department with the request for renewal, in addition to proof of completion prescribed by NRS 391.0347, if applicable, made pursuant to NAC 391.070 either:

(a) Proof, which may include, without limitation, a certificate, transcript, letter from an employer or form verifying attendance, that, during each calendar year for which the license was valid, the licensee has:

(1) Completed, designed or provided, in accordance with subsection 3, at least 15 hours of professional development or the equivalent amount of in-service training or 1 semester hour of credit of course work at a regionally accredited college or university in any subject;

(2) If the licensee holds a master's degree or more advanced degree, taught a course at a regionally accredited college or university that directly relates to the profession of education or the subject area of the endorsement held by the licensee; or

(3) If the licensee holds an occupational license that directly relates to the subject area for which the licensee holds an educational license or endorsement, completed professional development or continuing education that is:

(I) Required for the renewal of the occupational license by the professional licensing board or agency in this State that issued the occupational license; or

(II) Directly related to the profession for which the licensee holds an occupational license and is offered by a nationally recognized organization that provides continuing education in the field of the occupational license; or

(b) A copy of a certificate issued to the licensee by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards or its successor organization which evidences completion of the requirements for certification by that organization.

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(a) Include any professional development, in-service training or course work completed to fulfill another requirement prescribed by this chapter;

(b) Be obtained at any time, including, without limitation, during the regular working hours of the licensee; and

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Sec. 6. NAC 391.277 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 391.277 1. To receive an endorsement to ~~teach~~ *provide services to* pupils *as an occupational therapist* in a program of occupational therapy, a person must ~~+~~
- ~~—(a) Hold a:~~
- ~~—(1) Bachelor's degree in occupational therapy;~~
- ~~—(2) Master's degree in occupational therapy; or~~
- ~~—(3) Bachelor's or master's degree in any other field of study and have successfully completed an educational program for occupational therapists which is accredited by the American Medical Association or its successor organization in collaboration with the American Occupational Therapy Association or its successor organization;~~
- ~~—(b) Hold~~ *hold* a license as an occupational therapist issued by the Board of Occupational Therapy in this State . ~~+~~ *and*
- ~~—(c) Hold a specialty certification in school systems issued by the American Occupational Therapy Association or its successor organization.~~
2. *A person who holds only a special license with an endorsement to provide services as an occupational therapist is exempt from the requirements of NAC 391.036 and 391.065.*
3. Such an endorsement is ~~not~~ required to ~~teach~~ *provide services to* pupils *as an occupational therapist* in a program of occupational therapy.

4. A person who is employed on and maintains continuous employment in a public school after the effective date of this regulation is not required to hold the endorsement.

Sec. 7. NAC 391.279 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 391.279 1. To receive an endorsement to ~~teach~~ *provide services to* pupils *as a physical therapist* in a program of physical therapy, a person must ~~teach~~:
- ~~—(a) Hold a:~~
 - ~~—(1) Bachelor's degree in physical therapy;~~
 - ~~—(2) Master's degree in physical therapy; or~~
 - ~~—(3) Bachelor's or master's degree in any other field of study and have successfully completed an educational program for physical therapists which is accredited by the American Physical Therapy Association; and~~
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SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT
PURSUANT TO NRS 233B.0608

DATE: November 4, 2025

RE: Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.060 – Expiration of Licenses and Endorsements.

I, Victor Wakefield, being the duly appointed Superintendent of Public Instruction of the Nevada Department of Education, do hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge or belief:

1. The proposed regulation is not likely to (a) impose a direct or significant economic burden upon a small business, or (b) directly restrict the formation, operation, or expansion of a small business.
2. A concerted effort was made to determine any economic burden.
3. All relevant materials were reviewed, and the Department considered its history with implementing similar regulations; the proposed changes are within the scope of the Department's activities and present no significant cost of enforcement.
4. Comments have not been solicited from small businesses, and no summary of their response is provided, because small businesses are not impacted by this regulation and thus no burden or adverse economic impact can be assessed.

I hereby further certify that, to the best of my knowledge or belief, a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the regulation on small businesses and that the information contained in this statement was prepared properly and is accurate.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "V. Wakefield".

Dr. Victor Wakefield
Superintendent of Public Instruction

The intent of this regulation is to eliminate the specialist and doctorate extended licenses.

**APPROVED REGULATION OF THE COMMISSION ON
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: § 1, NRS 391.019.

A REGULATION relating to educational personnel; revising provisions relating to the expiration of certain licenses issued by the Department of Education; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to adopt regulations regarding the qualifications and process for licensing teachers and other educational personnel. (NRS 391.019) Existing regulations specify the number of years for which renewable licenses are valid based upon certain credentials of the applicant, including requiring the Department of Education to issue a license upon application to a person with a National Board Certification issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, for the period of the certificate. (NAC 391.060) This regulation clarifies that a license issued for a specified number of years to a person who also holds a National Board Certification issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards based on credentials other than such certification remains valid for the specified number of years, rather than the period of the certificate, if the period of the certificate is less.

Section 1. NAC 391.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.060 1. Upon application, the Department shall issue a license for the specified number of years to a person with:

- (a) A bachelor’s degree or less, for 5 years.
- (b) A master’s *or higher* degree and ~~3~~ **5** years of verified *full-time* teaching experience, for 6 years.

~~(c) A specialist’s degree and 3 years of verified teaching experience, for 8 years.~~

~~(d) A doctoral degree and 3 years of verified teaching experience, for 10 years.~~

~~(e) A National Board Certification issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, for the period of the certificate [.] , unless the person is issued a license for a longer period pursuant to paragraph (a), (b), (c) or (d).~~

↪ A license specified in this subsection is renewable.

2. Except as otherwise provided in this section, NAC 391.056 and 391.057, a license expires on the holder's date of birth in the year of expiration.

3. A provisional license that is renewable becomes invalid on the date of expiration of the provision. If the holder of such a license provides evidence to the Department of his or her completion of the course work required to satisfy the provision, the Department will remove the provision and the license remains valid until the date of expiration of the license.

4. An endorsement becomes invalid on the date that the license to which it is attached expires.