

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

**LCB File No. R138-15**

Effective June 28, 2016

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 education; revising requirements to receive an endorsement to serve as a social worker; 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 educational personnel. (NRS 391.019) Existing regulations establish the requirements to receive an endorsement to serve as a social worker. Such requirements include holding a current license issued by the Board of Examiners for Social Workers. (NAC 391.320) Alternatively, this regulation allows a person to receive an endorsement to serve as a social worker if the person holds an equivalent license issued by a similar agency in another state and agrees to obtain a license from the Board not later than 1 year after applying for the endorsement. This regulation also provides that an endorsement as a social worker expires if the person who holds the endorsement does not obtain a license issued by the Board within 1 year after applying for the endorsement.

In order to receive an endorsement to serve as a social worker, existing regulations also require a person to have completed an educational program for social workers in schools which includes a practicum in schools. (NAC 391.320) This regulation provides an alternative by allowing a person to receive such an endorsement if the person has completed an educational program for social workers in schools which includes the equivalent professional or practicum experience providing services directly to children of school age and their families.

**Section 1.** 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~~ *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~~ *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. 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 ~~{Teacher Licensure}~~ Office *of Educator Licensure* within the Department.

**NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION**

**LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF ADOPTED REGULATIONS AS REQUIRED  
BY ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT, NRS 233B.066**

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**Amendments to NAC 391.320 – A Regulation relating to Education; revising the requirements to receive an endorsement to serve as a social worker; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.**

**INFORMATIONAL STATEMENT**

The following statement is submitted for adopted amendments to Nevada Administrative Code 391:

**1. A clear and concise explanation of the need for the adopted regulation.**

The need and purpose of the proposed amendments to NAC Chapter 391 are based on recommendations from the Nevada Department of Education. Proposed amendments are related to education; revising requirements to receive an endorsement to serve as a social worker. The proposed regulation changes afford reciprocity of a Social Work State License and the ability to have one year for certain requirements, thus opening a pathway to hire Social Workers.

**2. Description of how public comment was solicited, a summary of public response, and an explanation how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.**

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Commission on Professional Standards in Education were advised of their right to appear at the scheduled public hearing and their right to address comments, data, views or arguments, in written form, to the Commission Secretary, Nevada Department of Education, 9890 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89183. The Department of Education must have received written submissions **on or before March 2, 2016**. One person who is directly affected by the proposed action appeared to request time to make an oral presentation; the Commission on Professional Standards in Education heard and documented the public comment.

A copy of this notice and the regulation to be amended/adopted will be on file at the State Library and Archives, 100 Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada, for inspection by members of the public during business hours. Additional copies of the notice and the regulation to be amended/adopted will be available at the Nevada Department of Education, 9890 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89183, and in all counties at

the main public library, for inspection and copying by members of the public during business hours. This notice and the text of the proposed regulation are also available at the State of Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations which is prepared and published monthly by the Legislative Counsel Bureau pursuant to NRS 233B.0653 and on the Internet at <http://www.leg.state.nv.us>. Copies of this notice and the proposed regulation will also be mailed to members of the public upon request. A reasonable fee may be charged for copies if it is deemed necessary.

Upon adoption of any regulation, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either prior to adoption or within 30 days thereafter, will issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.

This notice of hearing has been posted at the following locations: Nevada Department of Education, both locations; 17 Nevada County School District Offices; 17 Nevada Public Libraries; Clark County Classroom Teachers Association; Washoe County Teachers Association; Nevada State Education Association, both locations; and Nevada State Library and Archives.

The public response can be summarized as one individual testified at the workshop or the hearing and no one provided written statements regarding this regulatory change. A copy of the summary and/or minutes of the public workshop/hearing is attached.

**3. The Number of Persons Who:**

- a) Attended Hearing: Workshop: 16; Hearing: 15;
- b) Testified at Workshop: 1; Hearing: 0
- c) Submitted Written Statements: Workshop: 0; Hearing: 0

**4. For each person identified in paragraphs (b) and (c) of number 3 above, the following information if provided to the agency conducting the hearing: (a) name; (b) telephone number; (c) business address; (d) business telephone number; (e) electronic mail address; and (f) name of entity or organization represented.**

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**5. A description of how comment was solicited from affected business, a summary of their response and an explanation of how other interested person may obtain a copy of the summary.**

Comments were solicited through the public hearing notice of March 16, 2016. At the workshop Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Commission on Professional Standards in Education were advised of their right

appear at the scheduled public hearing and their right to address comments, data, views or arguments, in written form, to the Commission Secretary, Nevada Department of Education, 9890 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89183. The Department of Education must have received written submissions **on or before March 2, 2016**. No person who is directly affected by the proposed action appeared to request time to make an oral presentation; the Commission on Professional Standards in Education proceeded.

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The response from affected businesses can be summarized as non-existent as no businesses testified at the workshop or the hearing and none provided written statements regarding this regulatory change. A copy of the summary and/or minutes of the public hearing may be obtained by contacting Kim Bennett, Assistant to the Commission on Professional Standards in Education, Nevada Department of Education, 702-668-4317, or by writing to the Nevada Department of Education at 9890 S. Maryland Parkway, Suite 221, Las Vegas, NV 89183.

**6. If the regulation was adopted with or without change to any part of the proposed regulation, a summary of the reasons for adopting.**

The Commission on Professional Standards in Public Education adopted the proposed regulation language at the public hearing held on March 16, 2016 as presented. There were no further amendments that needed to be made proposed regulation.

7. **The estimated economic effect of the adopted regulation on the business that it is to regulate and on the public. These must be stated separately and each case must include:**

There will be no economic effect of the regulation on the business that it regulates.  
There is no estimated economic effect on the public.

8. **The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the adopted regulation.**

There is no additional cost to the agency for enforcement of this regulation.

9. **A description of any regulations of other state or governmental agencies which the regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlapping is necessary. If the regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the name of the regulating federal agency.**

No other state or governmental agency regulations will be overlapped or duplicated by the above noted regulation. There is no duplication or overlap of federal regulations.

10. **If the regulation includes provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation that regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions.**

There are none.

11. **If the regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount the agency expects to collect and the manner in which the money will be used.**

This regulation does not provide for a new fee or increase an existing fee.