

**PROPOSED 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 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 ~~and~~ *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.