

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

LCB File No. R097-25

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

AUTHORITY: §§ 1 and 2, NRS 391.019.

A REGULATION relating to education; requiring a person who provides audiological services to pupils who are at least 3 years of age but less than 22 years of age to have an endorsement issued by the Department of Education to provide those audiological services; exempting from this requirement current employees who provide those audiological services and who maintain continuous employment; 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 education personnel. (NRS 391.019) Existing regulations establish the qualifications for a person to receive from the Department of Education an endorsement to provide audiological services to pupils who are at least 3 years of age but less than 22 years of age. However, existing regulations do not require a person to have such an endorsement to provide those audiological services. (NAC 391.223) **Section 1** of this regulation removes the provision of existing regulations which provides that a person is not required to have an endorsement to provide audiological services to pupils who are at least 3 years of age but less than 22 years of age and instead requires a person to have an endorsement issued by the Department to provide those audiological services. **Section 2** of this regulation exempts from this requirement a person who is employed, on or before the effective date of this regulation, to provide those audiological services and who remains continuously employed to provide those audiological services.

Section 1. NAC 391.223 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.223 1. *Before providing audiological services to pupils who are at least 3 years of age but less than 22 years of age, a person must hold an endorsement issued pursuant to this section.*

2. 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 a special license with an endorsement to provide audiological services *issued pursuant to this section* is exempt from the requirements of NAC 391.036 and 391.065.

Sec. 2. This regulation is hereby amended by adding thereto the following transitory language which has the force and effect of law but which will not be codified in the Nevada Administrative Code:

Notwithstanding the amendatory provisions of section 1 of this regulation, a person who is employed, on or before the date on which this regulation is filed with the Secretary of State, to provide audiological services to pupils who are at least 3 years of age but less than 22 years of age:

1. May continue in his or her current employment without obtaining a special license with an endorsement to provide audiological services to pupils who are at least 3 years of age but less than 22 years of age pursuant to NAC 391.223, as amended by section 1 of this regulation; and
2. So long as the person remains continuously employed to provide audiological services to pupils who are at least 3 years of age but less than 22 years of age, shall be deemed to hold a special license with an endorsement to provide such audiological services issued pursuant to NAC 391.223, as amended by section 1 of this regulation.