

**LCB File No. T039-99**

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

(Effective April 29, 1999)

Explanation: Matter in *Italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: NRS 391.019

**Section 1. NAC 391.054 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

NAC 391.054 Licensure of person licensed or certified in another state.

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the superintendent of public instruction may issue a license with a special education endorsement to a person who is licensed and endorsed to teach special education in any other state and may issue a license with any other endorsement to a person who is licensed or certified in a state that has entered into an interstate certification contract with the State of Nevada through the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification if:

(a) The applicant holds a license or certificate issued by the other state;

(b) The applicant holds a bachelor's degree from an institution accredited by a regional accrediting association and has completed any postbaccalaureate studies required in this state for the issuance of a license;

(c) The license or certificate issued by the other state is not:

(1) A temporary permit, an emergency, alternative or conditional license or a credential to teach multiple subjects;

(2) A license or certificate for which completion of a bachelor's or higher degree is unnecessary;

(3) A license or certificate for which completion of professional education course work through a college or university accredited by a regional accrediting association is unnecessary; or

(4) A letter or other form of authorization from another state or a county, city, school district or department of education in another state which entitles the person to teach in the same capacity as a licensed teacher on a temporary basis;

(d) The grade levels and subject areas covered by the license or certificate issued by the other state are the same as the grade levels and subject areas for which the applicant is seeking licensure in this state; and

(e) The applicant, if he is an applicant for a license with an endorsement in a subject other than special education, has satisfactorily taught in the other state, in an assignment similar to the assignment for which licensure is sought in this state, during at least 3 out of the 5 years immediately preceding the application for licensure in Nevada.

2. If the applicant has not complied with the requirements of NAC 391.030 or 391.036 at the time he applies for a license pursuant to this section, the superintendent of public instruction may only issue a provisional license to the applicant. The provisional license is not renewable.

***3. The superintendent of public instruction may issue a license with any endorsement to a person who holds a valid National Board Certificate awarded by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards if:***

***(a) The applicant holds a valid license or certificate from another; and***

*(b) The grade levels and subject areas covered by the license or certificate issued by the other state are the same as the grade levels and subject areas for which the applicant is seeking licensure in this state.*

*4. A license issued pursuant to subsection 3 shall be exempt from meeting the requirements of NAC 391.036.*

**Section 2. NAC 391.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

NAC 391.060 Expiration of licenses and endorsements.

1. Upon application, the department will 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 degree and 3 years of verified 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) National Board Certification as awarded by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, for 10 years. The license expiration date issued by the department shall be aligned with the expiration date of the National Board Certificate if the expiration date of the National Board Certificate is less than ten years at the time of application.*

A license specified in this subsection is renewable.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 and NAC 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 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.

**Section 3. NAC 391.065 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

NAC 391.065 Renewal of licenses: Educational and professional requirements. The educational prerequisites for renewal of a license are as follows:

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a license that is renewable may be renewed if its holder earns 6 semester hours of credit or the equivalent during the term of the license.

2. The holder of a license issued on a specialist's *degree*, [or] doctor's degree *or National Board Certification* must show evidence of professional growth in the area of endorsement during the term of the license.

**Section 4. NAC 391.975 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

NAC 391.075 Renewal of license: Credits and courses; exception.

1. Credits for renewal may be earned by:

(a) Attending a course at, or taking a correspondence course given by, an accredited college or university, attending any state or national conference which has been approved by the department to offer credit for continuing education or taking an in-service course offered by the department or a continuing education course offered by a provider who is approved by the commission if the course or conference:

(1) Is directly related to the person's current license or will enhance the effectiveness of the person's teaching;

(2) Is in a subject for which shortages of personnel, as determined by the board, exist; or

(3) Is part of an approved program leading to an advanced degree;

(b) Engaging in foreign or domestic travel which is directly related to the area of licensure of the person and is approved not less than 30 days before departure by the department; or

(c) Completing courses given by a provider of continuing education who is approved by the commission.

2. One credit will be given for the completion of 15 hours of:

(a) Course work at a college or university accredited by a regional accrediting association;

(b) In-service courses offered by the department; or

(c) Classroom instruction in continuing education or attendance at a conference for which continuing education credits may be earned, if the provider and the course or conference have been approved by the department at least 15 days before the course or conference commences.

Two credits will be given for 6 weeks of travel, one credit for 1 month. No credit will be allowed for travel of less than 1 month.

3. A person holding a master's degree or a more advanced degree may receive no more than 2 credits by conducting a seminar or workshop or by teaching at the college or university level, if the seminar, workshop or course being taught is in the area of licensure of the person.

4. A holder of a special license to teach occupational education may earn a maximum of two credits for 160 or more hours of full-time continuous employment in the occupational field in which he teaches and is licensed. The credit for employment must be approved by the department or a university or college.

5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, this section does not apply to the renewal of a special license for a limited endorsement in occupational education.

*6. Six credits will be given for the completion of all requirements of National Board Certification as evidenced by a copy of the official assessment scores provided by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. A person does not have to be awarded National Board certification in order to earn the credits.*

**NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION**

**REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON  
EFFECT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS**

1. Title of Regulation:

National Board Certified Teachers – Reciprocity and Credit Renewal Requirements. NAC 391.054, Licensure of person licensed or certified in another state. NAC 391.060, Expiration of licenses and endorsements. NAC 391.065, Renewal of licenses: Educational and professional requirements. NAC 391.075, Renewal of license: Credits and courses; exception.

2. Opportunity for Comments by Affected Parties and the Public:

Notice of public hearing was sent to approximately 200 individuals and entities. Public hearings were conducted on December 4, 1998 and January 22, 1999. The Commission on Professional Standards in Education adopted the proposed amendments.

Mailing and postings occurred on November 3, 1998, and December 21, 1998, for the public hearings. The proposed amendments were posted at: Nevada Department of Education – Carson and Las Vegas Offices; the 17 Nevada County School District Offices; the Clark County Classroom Teachers Association – Carson and Las Vegas Offices; the 17 Nevada County Libraries; and the Nevada State Library and Archives.

3. The Number of Persons Who:

a) Attended Each Hearing:	First Hearing: 17	Second Hearing: 31
b) Testified at Each Hearing:	First Hearing: 1	Second Hearing: 0
c) Submitted Written Statements:	First Hearing: 0	Second Hearing: 0

4. Summary of Comments by Affected Parties and the Public:

Dr. GeorgeAnn Rice, Assistant Superintendent, Clark County School District stated that the Clark County School District supported the amendments. Clark County School District was in the process of having thirty-five facilitators Board Certified and they will sponsor fifteen teachers in the year 2000.

5. Summary Source:

A summary of comments may be obtained through the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction, 700 East Fifth Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701-5096.

6. Estimated Economic Effect on Affected Parties and Public:

There is no economic effect for this regulation.

7. Estimated Cost to Agency for Enforcement:

None.

8. Regulations of Other State or Government Agencies Overlapped or Duplicated by These Regulations:

No other state or government agency regulations will be overlapped or duplicated by the above noted regulations.

9. Federal Regulations Overlapped or Duplicated by These Regulations:  
(Name of Regulating Federal Agency/Federal Regulation Title)

There is no duplication or overlap of federal regulations.

10. Summary of Regulation Provisions that are More Stringent than Federal Regulation:

There are none.

11. Annual Anticipated Revenue from New Fee or Increase to Existing Fee and Manner in Which Fee will be Used:

No new fee or increase to existing fee providing revenue to the agency is affected by the above noted regulations.