

LCB File No. T041-99

**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.

**NAC 391.315 Endorsement to serve as school psychologist: General qualifications.**

391.315 To qualify for an endorsement to serve as a school psychologist, a person must:

1. Have accomplished each of the following:

- (a) Hold a graduate degree from an accredited institution;
- (b) Have preparation in school psychology;
- (c) Have successfully completed the areas of study listed in NAC 391.316;
- (d) Have earned 60 semester hours of graduate credits in the areas of study listed in NAC

391.316 and 391.317; and

(e) Have completed an internship in school psychology as provided in NAC 391.319;

2. Hold a certificate as a nationally certified school psychologist issued by the National School Psychology Certification System of the National Association of School Psychologists;

or

3. Have completed a program approved by the board which prepares a person to be a school psychologist.

*4. To renew an endorsement to serve as school psychologist, the holder must:*

*(a) Meet the requirements of NAC 391.065; or*

*(b) Hold a certificate of renewal as a certified school psychologist issued by the National School Psychologist Certification System of the National Association of School Psychologists.*

[Bd. of Education, Certification Reg. § 391.440, eff. 10-23-81]–(NAC A 4-27-84; A by  
Comm'n on Prof. Standards in Education, 11-27-91; 7-16-92)

**NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION**

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

1. Title of Regulation:

NAC 391.315 Endorsement to serve as school psychologist.

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

Petition was noticed two times (2) December 21, 1998, and February 11, 1999 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: 31	Second Hearing: 18
b) Testified at Each Hearing:	First Hearing: 2	Second Hearing: 1
c) Submitted Written Statements:	First Hearing: 0	Second Hearing: 0

4. How Comments were Solicited, Summary of Comments by Affected Parties and the Public, How Interested Persons May Obtain a Copy of the Minutes of the Meeting.

Comments were solicited from approximately 200 individuals and entities subscribing to the Commission’s Mailing List (includes news and radio media). Public hearings were conducted on January 22, 1999 and March 19, 1999.

Mr. Tony Del Vecchio, Ph.D., Nationally Certified School Psychologist, wrote a letter to the commission date October 19, 1998, suggesting changes to NAC 391.315. This item was placed on the Agenda and Mr. Del Vecchio was invited to attend the December 4, 1998 commission meeting. Mr. Del Vecchio asked that school psychologists who are endorsed in Nevada be allowed to submit the renewal certification issued by the National Certification of School Psychologists (NCSP) as proof of accepted training. Ms. Virtuoso, Administrative Specialist, Clark County School District, discussed the high standards of the NCSP certification.

A workshop was held at the January 22, 1999, commission meeting. Mr. John Dorf, School Psychologist, Director of Special Services, Douglas County School District stated that allowing a school psychologist license based on the NCSP certification was

helpful and timesaving. He asked that it be acceptable for re-licensing. Mr. Del Vecchio agreed.

A public hearing was held at the January 22, 1999, commission meeting. Mr. Dorf had left the meeting but left a note which was read by President Cawley urging the commission to adopt the proposed regulation changes.

A second public hearing was held at the March 19, 1999, commission meeting. Mr. Stoker, Advisor, Nova Southeastern University suggested a change to the wording under item 4a. The commission agreed to the technical change and motioned to accept the language. The motion passed unanimously.

A summary of comments may be obtained through Commission on Processional Standards in Education, 700 East Fifth Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701-5096.

5. Estimated Economic Effect on Affected Parties and Public:

There is no economic effect for this regulation.

6. Estimated Cost to Agency for Enforcement:

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

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

There are no other state or government agency regulations which the proposed amendments duplicate.

8. 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.

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

There are none.

10. 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.