

LCB File No. R056-03

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

(This proposed regulation was previously adopted as LCB File No. T048-03)

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

Statutory Authority: NRS 391.019

Section 1. NAC 391.237 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 391.237 Endorsement to teach English as second language; endorsement as professional teacher of English as second language; *provisional 1-year endorsement to teach English as second language.* (NRS 391.019)

1. To receive an endorsement to teach English as a second language, a person must have:
 - (a) A valid elementary, secondary or special license; and
 - (b) Completed at least 12 semester hours of credit in a course of study that includes any of the following:
 - (1) Methods and materials for teaching English as a second language;
 - (2) Theories for the acquisition of a second language;
 - (3) Testing and evaluation of pupils studying English as a second language; or
 - (4) Developing a curriculum for pupils studying English as a second language.
2. To receive an endorsement as a professional teacher of English as a second language, a person must have completed the requirements for an endorsement to teach English as a second language and:
 - (a) Hold a master's degree; and
 - (b) Have 3 years of experience as a teacher.
3. Requirements for the successful completion of a course of study in which a person is enrolled are in addition to the requirements to receive an endorsement.
- 4. A provisional 1-year endorsement may be issued to a person to teach English as a second language who has a deficiency of more than 6 semester credit hours if the following conditions are met:***
 - (a) A written assurance is provided by the school district or private school who will employ the person that identifies the courses of study the person will complete to ensure that a credit deficiency of 6 semester hours or less is achieved during the year in order for the person to maintain the provisional endorsement.***

Section 2. NAC 391.242 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 391.242 Endorsement to teach program of bilingual education; *provisional 1-year endorsement to teach program of bilingual education.* (NRS 391.019)

1. To teach pupils enrolled in a program of bilingual education, a person must:
 - (a) Hold an endorsement issued pursuant to this section; and

(b) Within 2 years after the issuance of an endorsement, pass an examination approved by the commission which demonstrates his oral and written proficiency in the native language, if such an examination is available.

2. To receive an endorsement to teach pupils in a program of bilingual education, a person must hold a bachelor's degree with a major in bilingual education or an elementary, secondary or special license and have completed:

(a) A bilingual program of preparation for teaching pupils who are identified as having limited proficiency in English which has been approved by the board for this purpose; or

(b) At least 12 semester hours of credit in a course of study which includes theories for the acquisition of a second language and at least three of the following other areas of study:

(1) Methods of teaching language arts or reading in the native language;

(2) Methods of teaching math, science and social studies in the native language;

(3) Testing and evaluating pupils of a second language in English and the native language;

(4) Development of curriculum, materials and teaching methods for bilingual education;

(5) Native language and culture; or

(6) Bilingual education, history, philosophy and theory.

3. A provisional 1-year endorsement may be issued to a person to teach a program of bilingual education who has a deficiency of more than 6 semester credit hours if the following conditions are met:

(a) A written assurance is provided by the school district or private school who will employ the person that identifies the courses of study the person will complete to ensure that a credit deficiency of 6 semester hours or less is achieved during the year in order for the person to maintain the provisional endorsement.