

**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 and 2, NRS 391.019.

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

391.237 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. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may issue a provisional 1-year endorsement to teach English as a second language to a person who has a deficiency in credits of more than 6 semester hours if the school district or private school that will employ the person provides a written assurance to the Superintendent of Public Instruction that the person will complete the courses of study necessary to ensure that he has a deficiency in credits of 6 semester hours or less by the end of the 1-year period for which the endorsement is valid. The written assurance must also identify the courses of study that will be completed.

5. Upon expiration of an endorsement issued pursuant to subsection 4, a person may apply for another provisional endorsement pursuant to NAC 391.055 if he satisfies the requirements of that section.

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

391.242 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. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may issue a provisional 1-year endorsement to teach a program of bilingual education to a person who has a deficiency in credits of more than 6 semester hours if the school district or private school that will employ the person provides a written assurance to the Superintendent of Public Instruction that the person will complete the courses of study necessary to ensure that he has a deficiency in credits of 6 semester hours or less by the end of the 1-year period for which the endorsement is valid. The written assurance must also identify the courses of study that will be completed.

4. Upon expiration of an endorsement issued pursuant to subsection 3, a person may apply for another provisional endorsement pursuant to NAC 391.055 if he satisfies the requirements of that section.