

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

LCB File No. R017-09

Effective October 27, 2009

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

AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 391.019.

A REGULATION relating to educational personnel; revising provisions governing the credits which may be earned for renewal of licenses; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Section 1. NAC 391.075 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.075 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~~ *provided* by *or under the jurisdiction of* a ~~provider of continuing education who~~ *state or national professional organization or association which is specific to the person's area of discipline and which* is ~~approved by the Commission~~ *on a list maintained by the Department.*

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~~ *state or national professional organization or association* 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, 1 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 not 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 career and technical education may earn a maximum of 2 credits for 160 or more hours of full-time continuous employment in the career and technical education field in which he teaches and is licensed. The credit for employment must be approved by the Department or a university or college.

5. A person is entitled to receive 6 credits for the completion of the requirements for the National Board Certification upon the submission of a copy of the official assessment scores issued to that person by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. A person is not required to be a holder of a National Board Certification to receive such credits.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF PROPOSED REGULATION
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The Commission on Professional Standards in Education adopted regulations which pertain to chapter 391 of the Nevada Administrative Code.

INFORMATIONAL STATEMENT

The following statement is submitted for adopted amendments to Nevada Administrative Code 391:

1. A description of how public comment was solicited, a summary of public response, and explanation how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

Notice of Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Regulations was sent to approximately 100 individuals and educational organizations. A workshop was held on September 11, 2009. There was no public comment.

The Notice of Intent to Act Upon a Regulation for public hearing and adoption of proposed amendments to NAC 391.075 was sent to approximately 100 individuals and educational organizations. The public hearing was conducted on October 23, 2009 to provide the opportunity for comments by affected parties and the public. There was no public comment. The Commission adopted the proposed amendments to the regulation.

2. The Number of Persons Who:

a) Attended Each Hearing: First Workshop: 11; First Hearing: 10; Second Hearing: N/A

b) Testified at Each Hearing: First Workshop: 0; First Hearing: 0; Second Hearing: N/A

c) Submitted Written Statements: First Workshop: 0; First Hearing: 0; Second Hearing: N/A

A copy of any written comments may be obtained by calling Christina Harper, Administrative Assistant to the Commission on Professional Standards in Education, Nevada Department of Education, 775-687-9226, or by writing to the Nevada Department of Education, 700 East Fifth Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701-5096.

3. A description of how comment was solicited from affected businesses, a summary of the response and an explanation how other interested parties may obtain a copy of the summary.

Comments were solicited through the workshop notice of August 3, 2009; and the public hearing notice of September 21, 2009. At the September 11, 2009 Workshop to Solicit Comments, there were no public comments to the proposed regulation language. At the October 23, 2009 public hearing there were no public comments to the proposed regulation language.

Summary of Comments:

Workshop/Public Hearing Comments:

Workshop comments:

There were no workshop public comments.

Public Hearing comments:

There were no public comments.

A copy of the summary and/or minutes of the public hearing may be obtained by calling Christina Harper, Administrative Assistant to the Commission on Professional Standards in Education, Nevada Department of Education, 775-687-9224, or by writing to the Nevada Department of Education at 700 East Fifth Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701-5096.

4. If the regulation was adopted with or without change to any part of the proposed regulation, a summary of the reasons for adopting.

The Commission on Professional Standards in Public Education adopted the proposed regulation language at the public hearing held October 23, 2009. The reason for adopting the amendments to the regulation is to accept renewal credit by completing coursework provided by or under the jurisdiction of a State or national governance entity specific to that discipline pursuant to a list maintained by the Department of Education.

5. The estimated economic effect of the adopted regulation on the business that it is to regulate and on the public. These must be stated separately and each case must include:

The beneficial effect would allow individuals to use coursework they attended for a state or national governance to also be accepted for continuing education units for their Nevada teaching license. The immediate effect would allow teachers to use coursework for their state or national boards also be accepted for the renewal of their teaching license. The long-term effect would that individuals do not have to take extra course at an extra change, if they have completed the coursework for state or national board certification.

There is no estimated economic effect on the public, either adversely or beneficially, nor immediate or long term.

6. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the adopted regulation.

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

7. A description of any regulations of other state or governmental agencies which the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlapping is necessary. If the regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the name of the regulating federal agency.

No other state or governmental agency regulations will be overlapped or duplicated by the above noted regulation. There is no duplication or overlap of federal regulations.

8. If the regulation includes provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation, which regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions.

There are none.

9. If the regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount the agency expects to collect and the manner in which the money will be used.

This regulation does not provide for a new fee or increase an existing fee.