

**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, NRS 391.019 and 391.032.

A REGULATION relating to educational personnel; revising provisions relating to the issuance by the Superintendent of Public Instruction of a provisional license or endorsement; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

Under existing regulations, the Superintendent of Public Instruction is authorized to issue a provisional 1-year license or endorsement to a person who is a teacher, licensed and practicing in this State, and who is applying for an additional license under certain circumstances. Existing regulations require the board of trustees of a public school or the operator of a private school that is to employ the holder of a provisional license to agree in writing to: (1) specify the process to be used for evaluating the holder of the provisional license; and (2) submit documentation to the Superintendent of Public Instruction indicating whether the holder of the provisional license is eligible for reemployment at the conclusion of the first year of teaching. (NAC 391.055) This regulation deletes the requirements relating to the evaluation by an employer of a holder of a provisional license. This regulation also deletes the requirement that the Superintendent of Public Instruction mail a letter of notification to the holder of a provisional license who has been rated as eligible for reemployment, indicating that the requirement for student teaching has been fulfilled.

**Section 1.** NAC 391.055 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.055 1. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may issue a provisional 1-year license or endorsement to a person who holds a renewable license issued in this State if the person otherwise meets the requirements for licensure, but:

- (a) Has a deficiency in credits of 6 semester hours or less;

(b) Is a teacher, licensed and practicing in this State, applying for an additional license, other than for the teaching of pupils with disabilities, outside his or her grade level of experience as a student teacher; or

(c) Lacks confirmation from a college that the person has completed a school counseling practicum or internship if applying for a school counseling endorsement, but:

(1) Has completed all the required course work for the school counseling endorsement;

(2) Has completed 200 hours of the practicum or internship through a regionally accredited college or university, to include a minimum of 100 hours in a school setting at the time of application for licensure; and

(3) Is currently and continuously enrolled in a regionally accredited college or university school counseling practicum or internship program.

2. ~~The board of trustees of the public school or the operator of the private licensed school that is to employ the holder of a provisional 1-year license, who is a teacher, licensed and practicing in this State, but who lacks student teaching experience at the proper grade level, must agree in writing:~~

~~—(a) To specify the process to be used for evaluating the holder of the provisional license during the 1-year period.~~

~~—(b) To submit documentation to the Superintendent of Public Instruction indicating whether the holder of the provisional license is eligible for reemployment at the conclusion of the first year of teaching.~~

~~3. If the holder of a provisional license, who is a teacher, licensed and practicing in this State, but who lacks student teaching experience at the proper grade level, is rated as eligible for reemployment by his or her employer, and all other requirements for the additional license or~~

~~endorsement have been met, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall mail a letter of notification to the holder of the license indicating that the requirement for student teaching has been fulfilled. Experience}~~ *Any experience* as a teacher's aide, *a* teacher's assistant, ~~{unlicensed}~~ *an* instructor of pupils in a Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps *or Jobs for America's Graduates* program or *a* substitute teacher ~~{does not meet}~~ *obtained by the holder of a provisional license, who is a teacher, licensed and practicing in this State, but who lacks student teaching experience at the proper grade level, will not be credited towards* the requirement for teaching experience or student teaching ~~{}~~ *necessary to qualify for the additional license or endorsement.*

~~{4.}~~ 3. Any credits earned by the holder of a provisional license or endorsement to qualify for an elementary, secondary or special license, a license to teach special education, or a license to teach middle school or junior high school education will not be counted as credits required to renew the elementary, secondary or special license, the license to teach special education, or the license to teach middle school or junior high school education.

~~{5.}~~ 4. If holding an elementary, secondary or special license, a license to teach special education, or a license to teach middle school or junior high school education is a prerequisite to qualifying for a particular provisional endorsement, any credits earned by the holder of the applicable license to qualify for that provisional endorsement may be counted toward:

- (a) Removal of the provision under which the provisional endorsement was issued; and
- (b) Renewal of the applicable license.