

PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION

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Proposed Regulation Amendments and Proposed New Regulations in Accordance with Assembly Bill 234 (2015)

AB234 States:

Any licensed teacher who is initially licensed on or after July 1, 2015, except for a teacher who is licensed only as a substitute teacher, must submit with his or her first application for renewal of his or her license to teach proof of the completion of a course in multicultural education. If the licensed teacher is initially issued a nonrenewable license, he or she must submit such proof with his or her first application for a renewable license to teach.

The Commission shall adopt regulations:

- (a) That **prescribe the required contents of a course in multicultural education** which must be completed pursuant to this section;
- (b) That **prescribe the number of credits** which must be earned by a licensed teacher in a course in multicultural education; and
- (c) **As otherwise necessary to carry out the requirements** of this section.

NAC 391.XXX Multicultural education coursework for licensure renewal (NRS 391.XXX)

1. To renew a license pursuant to NAC 391.065, NAC 391.0565, and NAC 391.070, all licensees must complete a multicultural education course offered by an accredited college or university or a Nevada school district, SPCSA, or Nevada Regional Professional Development Programs, which must:

- (a) have a completion date that is after that of the initial (non-renewable, standard, professional, alternative, or conditional) licensure date;*
- (b) consist of a minimum of 3 semester hours if from an accredited college or university, or equal at least 45 hours of professional development inservice instruction from a Nevada school district, the State Public Charter School Authority, or one of the Nevada Regional Training Programs; and*
- (c) include the following:*
 - (1) Identification and assessment of stages, development of knowledge bases and skill sets, and building capacity for cultural competency;*
 - (2) Awareness, knowledge, and understandings relative to different dimensions of diversity including, but not limited to, race, ethnicity, geographic origin, residency status, languages, socioeconomic status, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, religion, spirituality, age, physical appearance, and disability;*
 - (3) Equitable practice in pedagogy, selection and use of instructional materials, and assessments measuring student learning*
 - (4) Communication and developing relationships with all stakeholders*

(5) Alignment with the Instructional Practice and Professional Responsibilities Standards and Indicators of the Nevada statewide educator performance evaluation system; and

(6) A field-based experience to demonstrate application of all course content in an educational setting; and

(d) be taught by instructors which utilize definitions, models, frameworks, and resources that are based on current research and national best practices.

2. Courses and field-based experiences offered pursuant to this section must address the unique roles, responsibilities, and context of all licensed educational employees including, but not limited to, those licensed pursuant to NAC 391.170, NAC 391.185, NAC 391.305, NAC 391.320, NAC 391.316, and NAC 391.370.

NAC 391.0565 Provisional nonrenewable licensure: Removal of provisions. (NRS 391.019, 391.032, 391.040)

1. The holder of a provisional nonrenewable license issued pursuant to NAC 391.056 must remove all the provisions under which the license was issued before he or she may apply for a license pursuant to NAC 391.045. An application for a license issued pursuant to NAC 391.045 may be made at any time after the removal of all of the provisions under which the provisional nonrenewable license was issued.

2. The holder of a provisional nonrenewable license for which all of the provisions have not been removed on the date on which the license expires may apply as a new applicant for a license pursuant to NAC 391.045 as soon as the provisions under which the expired provisional nonrenewable license was issued have been removed.

3. If an application is made for a license pursuant to NAC 391.045 by the holder of a provisional nonrenewable license before the provisional nonrenewable license expires, the applicant *must*:

(a) submit current official transcripts or verification of credits for in-service or continuing education courses, to include 3 semester credits in a course in multicultural education pursuant to NAC 391.XXX; and

(b) pay an application fee of \$131, which includes the fees for processing the fingerprints of the applicant by the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(Added to NAC by Comm'n on Prof. Standards in Education by R087-97, eff. 1-14-98; A by R094-99, 11-2-99; R127-11, 9-14-2012)

NAC 391.065 Renewal of license: Educational and professional requirements; exception. (NRS 385.080, 391.019, *NRS 391.XXX*)

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the educational prerequisites for renewal of a license are as follows:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), a license that is renewable may be renewed if its holder earns 6 semester hours of credit or the equivalent during the term of the license.

(b) The holder of a license issued on a specialist's or doctor's degree or a National Board Certification must show evidence of professional growth in the area of endorsement during the term of the license.

2. The provisions of this section do not apply to the renewal of a license pursuant to NAC 391.073.

3. Those who are initially licensed on or after July 1, 2105, except for a teacher who is licensed only as a substitute teacher, must submit with his or her first application for renewal of his or her license to teach proof of the completion of a course in multicultural education pursuant to NAC 391.XXX.

[Bd. of Education, Certification Reg. § 391.050, eff. 10-23-81]—(NAC A 10-26-83; A by Comm'n on Prof. Standards in Education, 11-4-91; 1-11-96; R089-99, 10-25-99; R167-08, 12-17-2008)

NAC 391.070 Renewal of license: General requirements; fee; delay of expiration date by Superintendent of Public Instruction. (NRS 385.080, 391.019, 391.033, 391.040)

1. To renew a license, the holder must submit before it expires:

(a) A request for renewal in the form prescribed by the Department;

(b) Current official transcripts or verification of credits for in-service or continuing education courses, *to include 3 semester credits in a course in multicultural education pursuant to NAC 391.XXX*; and

(c) A renewal fee of \$131, which includes the fees for processing the fingerprints of the licensee by the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

2. Renewal may not be requested earlier than 9 months before the expiration date of a license.

3. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may delay the expiration date of a license:

(a) For not more than 30 days if the licensee has completed the educational prerequisites prescribed in NAC 391.065 and the general prerequisites prescribed in subsection 1 in a timely manner, except:

(1) Submission of the request for renewal or the renewal fee, or both; or

(2) Submission of the current official transcript or verification of credits.

(b) For not more than 120 days pending receipt of the reports of the criminal history of the licensee by the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

[Bd. of Education, Certification Reg. § 391.040 subsecs. 1 & 5, eff. 10-23-81; A 3-26-82]—(NAC A by Comm'n on Prof. Standards in Education, 4-18-90, eff. 9-4-90; 11-4-91; 12-29-95, eff. 1-1-96; 1-11-96; R094-99, 11-2-99; R015-04, 5-7-2004; R114-11, 5-30-2012)