

**REVISED 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.

A REGULATION relating to the licensure of teachers and other educational personnel; revising provisions relating to credits for renewal of licenses; revising provisions relating to the approval by the Department of Education of providers of continuing education; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law creates the Commission on Professional Standards in Education and requires the Commission to adopt regulations prescribing the procedure for the issuance and renewal of licenses for teachers and other educational personnel. (NRS 391.011, 391.019) Existing regulations prescribe certain continuing education requirements for the renewal of licenses for teachers and other educational personnel. (NAC 391.065, 391.075) **Section 1** of this regulation: (1) provides that credits for renewal of a license may be earned by attending an online course, rather than a correspondence course, given by an accredited college or university; and (2) increases, from 15 to 30, the number of days before a course or conference the Department of Education is required to approve the course or conference in order for a person to receive credit for completion of the course or conference. **Section 1** also clarifies that the limitation on the number of credit hours a person may earn by conducting a seminar or workshop, teaching at the college or university level, or maintaining full-time continuous employment in certain fields applies to each term of the license.

Existing regulations require the Commission to approve a provider of continuing education upon receipt of evidence acceptable to the Commission that: (1) the provider meets all applicable criteria; and (2) a written outline of each course to be offered by the provider will be submitted to the Commission for approval before the course is offered. (NAC 391.065, 391.080) **Section 2** of this regulation requires the Department of Education, rather than the Commission, to approve a provider of continuing education. **Section 2** also specifies that the written outline of a course must be submitted to the Department for approval at least 30 days before the course is offered.

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 ~~the correspondence~~ *an online* 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~~ *Department* if the course or conference:

(1) Is directly related to the person's ~~current license~~ *area of licensure* 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 provided by or under the jurisdiction of a state or national professional organization or association which is specific to the person's area of discipline and which is 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 state or national professional organization or association and the course or conference have been approved by the Department at least ~~15~~ *30* 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 *during the term of the license* 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 *during the term of the license* for 160 or more hours of full-time continuous employment in the career and technical education field in which he or she 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.

Sec. 2. NAC 391.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.080 The ~~{Commission}~~ *Department* will approve a provider of continuing education upon receipt of evidence acceptable to the ~~{Commission}~~ *Department*:

1. That the provider:

(a) Is recognized locally, regionally or nationally as a professional organization that provides courses for continuing education and whose membership is composed primarily of teachers, administrators or other educational personnel; and

(b) Is not a college or university;

2. That a written outline of each course to be offered by the provider will be submitted to the ~~{Commission}~~ *Department* for approval *at least 30 days* before the course is offered; and

3. That for each course presented the provider will certify to the ~~{Commission:}~~

Department:

(a) The name of each person who enrolls in the course and completes the required work;

(b) That the topics included by the provider in the written outline which was approved by the

~~{Commission}~~ *Department* were presented during the course;

(c) The number of clock hours completed by the person taking the course; and

(d) The attendance record of each person taking the course.