

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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**NAC 391.0583 Special qualifications licensure: Qualifications; areas of endorsement; duties of employing school district or private school; requirements of licensee following issuance; validity.** (NRS 385.080, 385.110, 391.019)

1. ***Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, † the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall issue a special qualifications license to teach to a person who ~~submits an application which is accompanied by proof satisfactory to the Superintendent that the applicant satisfies the requirements of:~~***

***(a) ~~Paragraph (g) or (j) of subsection 1 of NRS 391.019; and Holds a bachelor's or more advanced degree from a regionally accredited college or university in the field for which the applicant will provide classroom instruction;~~***

***(b) ~~Paragraph (h) of subsection 1 of NRS 391.019~~ Has passed each examination required by NRS 391.021 for each subject area in which he or she will be endorsed; and***

***(c) Provides proof satisfactory to the Department that the applicant:***

***(1) Has at least 2 years of experience teaching at a regionally accredited degree-granting institution, at the postsecondary level, in the field for which he or she will be providing classroom instruction; and***

***(2) Has at least 3 years of work experience in that field; or***

***(d) Provides proof satisfactory to the Department that the applicant has at least 5 years of work experience in the field for which he or she will provide classroom instruction.***

***(e) An applicant who holds a bachelor's degree must:***

***(1) Provide proof satisfactory to the Department that he or she has completed a program of student teaching or mentoring; or***

***(2) Agree to participate in a program of mentoring offered by his or her employer during the first two years of employment as a licensed educator.***

2. ***~~The Department shall develop and maintain a list of acceptable professional licensing boards for purposes of paragraph (h) of subsection 1 of NRS 391.019. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 1, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall issue a special qualifications license to teach to a person who:~~***

***(a) Holds a bachelor's or more advanced degree from a regionally accredited college or university in the field for which the applicant will provide classroom instruction;***

***(b) Has passed each examination required by NRS 391.021, an equivalent examination in another state as determined by the Department, in every subject area in which he or she will be endorsed;***

***(c) Is not licensed to teach in another state;***

***(d) Provides proof satisfactory to the Department that the applicant has at least 5 years of teaching experience in grades 9- 12 in the field for which he or she will provide classroom instruction, and has earned satisfactory performance evaluations during each year of teaching; and***

***(e) Provides proof satisfactory to the Department that he or she has completed a program of student teaching or mentoring; or***

***(f) Agrees to participate in a program of mentoring offered by his or her employer during:***

***(1) The first year of employment as a licensed educator, if he or she holds a master's or more advanced degree in the area in which he or she is endorsed; or***

***(2) The first two years of employment as a licensed educator, if he or she holds a bachelor's degree in the area in which he or she is endorsed.***

~~3. A special qualifications license must contain an endorsement for the subject area and grade level for which the licensee may teach that is based upon:~~

~~—(a) The field of study of the bachelor's degree, master's degree or doctoral degree held by the licensee; and~~

~~—(b) The relevant work experience of the licensee.~~

~~→ The endorsement placed on a special qualifications license authorizes the licensee to teach only at the grade level and in the subject area designated on the license.~~

~~—4. The subject areas for which an endorsement to the special qualifications license may be issued are:~~

~~—(a) English, including, without limitation, reading, composition and writing.~~

~~—(b) Mathematics.~~

~~—(c) Science.~~

~~—(d) Social studies, including, without limitation, history, geography, economics and government.~~

~~—(e) Arts and humanities, including, without limitation, music, theater and visual arts.~~

~~—(f) Computer education and technology.~~

~~—(g) Health.~~

~~—(h) Physical education, including, without limitation, dance.~~

~~—(i) World language.~~

~~—(j) Career and technical education. **A special qualifications license may be issued in any area of academic instruction in middle school or secondary school, or in any area of career and technical education.**~~

**5 4.** If a school district, *charter school* or a private school that is licensed pursuant to chapter 394 of NRS employs a person who holds a special qualifications license, the school district, *charter school* or private school shall: **A assign a teacher who is unconditionally licensed to provide assistance, guidance and training to the holder of the special qualifications license during the first 1 or 2 years of employment, as required by subsections 1 and 2 of this section.**

~~(a) Provide the holder of the special qualifications license at least 120 hours of training and orientation before he or she begins teaching.~~

~~—(b) Assign a teacher who is unconditionally licensed to provide assistance, guidance and training to the holder of the special qualifications license during the first 2 years of employment as a teacher with a special qualifications license.~~

~~—(c) Assist the holder of the special qualifications license in the development of an individualized plan for professional development to be carried out during the first 3 years of teaching with a special qualifications license.~~

~~6 5. The holder of a special qualifications license issued pursuant to subsection 1 who holds a bachelor's degree from an accredited postsecondary educational institution must, during the first 2-3 years for which the license is valid, complete 9 semester hours from a regionally accredited postsecondary educational institution with a teacher education program approved by the Department. The 9 semester hours must include: **To renew for the first time a license issued pursuant to this section which is endorsed in an area of middle school or secondary academic instruction, a person must have completed 12 semester hours of credit from a regionally accredited college or university, which must include:**~~

~~(a) Three semester hours in curriculum and instruction for middle school or secondary education;~~

~~(b) Three semester hours in a course involving teaching methodology for middle school or secondary education;~~

~~(c) Three semester credits in a course of study regarding education or curricular adaptation for pupils with disabilities; and~~

*(d) Three semester credits in a course of study regarding foundations of education or methods in teaching English language learners.*

*6. To renew for the first time a license issued pursuant to this section which is endorsed in an area of career and technical education, a person must have completed 12 semester hours of credit from a regionally accredited college or university, which must include:*

*(a) Three semester hours in curriculum and instruction for either secondary education or career and technical education;*

*(b) Three semester hours in a course involving teaching methodology for either secondary education or career and technical education;*

*(c) Three semester hours in a course on career development and work-based learning; and*

*(d) Three semester hours in a course on career and technical student organization management.*

*(e) A person who holds a master's or more advanced degree from a regionally accredited college or university in his or her area of endorsement is exempt from the requirements of subparagraphs (d) and (e) of this subsection.*

~~(a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), if the endorsement on the license is in a subject area listed in paragraphs (a) to (i), inclusive, of subsection 4:~~

~~— (1) Three semester hours of teaching methods in the subject area of the endorsement; and~~

~~— (2) Six semester hours of professional course work in at least two of the following subjects:~~

~~— (I) Classroom management;~~

~~— (II) Instruction of pupils with disabilities;~~

~~— (III) English as a second language;~~

~~— (IV) Technology in the classroom;~~

~~— (V) Reading or writing in the licensee's area of endorsement; or~~

~~— (VI) Instructional methods for pupils who are socially or economically disadvantaged.~~

~~(b) If the endorsement on the license is in career and technical education:~~

~~(1) Three semester hours in a course involving career and technical education teaching methodology; and~~

~~(2) Six semester hours of professional course work in at least two of the following subjects:~~

~~(I) Professional career and technical education;~~

~~(II) Applied or work-based learning; or~~

~~(III) Pupil organization and management in career and technical education.~~

~~7. A special qualifications license is valid for 3 years and may be renewed by showing evidence of professional growth in the area of endorsement during the term of the special qualifications license.~~