

**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.

A REGULATION relating to education; amending the subject areas for which the Superintendent of Public Instruction may endorse a special qualifications license; revising training requirements for the holder of a special qualifications license and the coursework required to renew such a license for the first time; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to adopt regulations providing for the issuance and renewal of a special qualifications license to a person who holds a bachelor’s or graduate degree, has specified teaching experience and meets certain other requirements. (NRS 391.019) Existing regulations prescribe the subject areas for which a special qualifications license may be endorsed. (NAC 391.0583) This regulation broadens those subject areas to include: (1) any area of academic instruction for which the Superintendent of Public Instruction may endorse a license to teach middle school or junior high school education or a secondary license; or (2) any area for which the Superintendent of Public Instruction may issue an endorsement in career and technical education.

Existing law requires the holder of a special qualifications license to participate in a program of mentoring under certain circumstances. (NRS 391.019) This regulation removes a requirement that a school district or private school that employs the holder of a special qualifications license must ensure that the holder receives certain training, assistance, guidance and professional development. Instead, this regulation requires a school district, charter school or private school that employs the holder of a special qualifications license who is participating in a program of mentoring to assign a licensed teacher, other than a teacher who holds a conditional license, a special license or a special qualifications license, to supervise the program of mentoring. This regulation also revises the required coursework for a person who wishes to renew a special qualifications license for the first time.

Section 1. NAC 391.0583 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.0583 1. 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

(b) Paragraph (h) of subsection 1 of NRS 391.019.

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.~~

~~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.~~

~~—5.†~~ 3. *A special qualifications license may be endorsed for:*

(a) Any area of academic instruction for which the Superintendent of Public Instruction may endorse a license to teach middle school or junior high school education pursuant to NAC 391.113 or a secondary license pursuant to NAC 391.125 to 391.136, inclusive; or

(b) Any area for which the Superintendent of Public Instruction may issue an endorsement in career and technical education pursuant to NAC 391.400 to 391.430, inclusive.

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 ~~†~~ *and is participating in a program of mentoring to satisfy the requirements of paragraph (g) or (j) of subsection 1 of NRS 391.019*, the school district, *charter school* or private school shall ~~†~~:

~~(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. 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 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:~~ *assign a licensed teacher, other than a teacher who holds a conditional license, a special license or a special qualifications license, to supervise the program of mentoring.*

5. The holder of a special qualifications license must, before renewing his or her license for the first time:

(a) ~~Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), if~~ *If* the endorsement on the license is in a subject area ~~listed in paragraphs~~ *described in paragraph* (a) ~~to (i), inclusive,~~ of subsection ~~4~~ *3*, *complete 12 semester hours from a regionally accredited college or university. The 12 semester hours must include:*

- (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.]~~
in a course involving curriculum and instruction for middle school or secondary education, as applicable;

(2) Three semester hours in a course involving teaching methodology for middle school or secondary education, as applicable;

(3) Three semester hours in a course involving education or adaptation of curriculum for pupils with disabilities; and

(4) Three semester hours in a course involving education of pupils who are English learners or methods of teaching such pupils.

(b) If the endorsement on the license is in career and technical education ~~}]~~ *and the holder of the license does not hold a master's or more advanced degree from a regionally accredited college or university in the area of the endorsement, complete 12 semester hours from a regionally accredited college or university. The 12 semester hours must include:*

(1) Three semester hours in a course involving curriculum and instruction for secondary education or 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.}] ;~~

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

(3) Three semester hours in a course involving career development and work-based learning; and

(4) Three semester hours in a course involving the management of organizations for students in career and technical education.

(c) If the endorsement on the license is in career and technical education and the holder of the license holds a master's or more advanced degree from a regionally accredited college or university in the area of the endorsement, complete 6 semester hours from a regionally accredited college or university. The 6 semester hours must include:

(1) Three semester hours in a course involving curriculum and instruction for secondary education or career and technical education; and

(2) Three semester hours in a course involving teaching methodology for secondary education or career and technical education.