

**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 educational personnel; prescribing the qualifications for an endorsement to teach the Navajo language and government of the Navajo Nation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to adopt regulations prescribing the qualifications for licensing teachers and other educational personnel. (NRS 391.019) This regulation adds an endorsement to teach the Navajo language and government of the Navajo Nation and prescribes the qualifications for such an endorsement.

Section 1. Chapter 391 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. To teach a course in Navajo language and government of the Navajo Nation, a person must:

(a) Have a high school diploma or its equivalent;

(b) Have completed 6 semester hours of course work that included, without limitation:

(1) Professional education and teaching methodology; or

(2) The study of the Navajo language and government of the Navajo Nation; and

(c) Be certified as a fluent speaker of the Navajo language by:

(1) A chapter of the Navajo Nation;

(2) The Tribal Council of the Colorado River Indian Tribes; or

(3) A qualified official of a university or college.

2. An endorsement issued pursuant to this section:

(a) Is valid for 3 years.

(b) Is renewable.

(c) May be used only to teach Navajo language and government of the Navajo Nation.

3. An applicant for an endorsement issued pursuant to this section:

(a) Must submit with his or her application:

(1) The applicable documents and fees required for initial licensure pursuant to NAC 391.045; and

(2) Written documentation verifying the applicant's certification as a fluent speaker of the Navajo language, pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 1.

(b) Is not subject to the provisions of NAC 391.036.