

**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: §§1-5 and 9, NRS 391.019; §§6-8, NRS 391.019 and 391.040.

Section 1. Chapter 391 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this regulation.

Sec. 2. *An applicant for a secondary license with an endorsement in biological science, general science, mathematics or physical science shall be deemed to have satisfied the requirements for a major or minor in the field for which he is seeking an endorsement if he provides evidence satisfactory to the superintendent of public instruction that he:*

- 1. Has passed the competency test approved by the commission pursuant to NAC 391.036 in that field and at the level of competence specified by the commission for the endorsement;*
- 2. Holds a bachelor's or graduate degree from a regionally accredited college or university with a major in that field;*
- 3. Has earned at least as many semester hours of credit in his major field as the number of semester hours of credit required for an endorsement; and*
- 4. Meets all the requirements specified for secondary licensure pursuant to NAC 391.120.*

Sec. 3. *1. To receive an endorsement to teach pupils in a program of orientation and mobility, a person must hold a:*

(a) Bachelor's or graduate degree in:

(1) Orientation and mobility; or

(2) Any other field of study and have successfully completed an orientation and mobility program at a university approved by the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired; or

(b) Professional certificate in orientation and mobility issued by the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired.

2. Such an endorsement is not required to teach pupils in a program of orientation and mobility.

Sec. 4. NAC 391.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.010 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Board" means the state board of education.

2. "Commission" means the commission on professional standards in education.

3. "Department" means the department of education.

4. "Endorsement" means a specific area of preparation within a general license that is issued by the department.

5. "Field experience" means supervised experience working in a placement in which a person:

(a) Works with pupils who have a handicap; and

(b) Demonstrates competency in the assessment of such pupils, educational planning, curriculum, methods of instruction, management of the classroom, working with parents and collaborating with other professionals.

6. “Initial license” means an elementary, secondary, provisional or special license issued to a teacher or other educational personnel:

(a) For the first time; or

(b) Who held a license that expired or was suspended or revoked by the ~~state board of education.~~ *board.*

Sec. 5. NAC 391.042 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.042 An applicant for an initial license for which student teaching experience is required may ~~complete 3 years of teaching experience which may be accepted as a substitute for experience as a student teacher if:~~ *substitute in place of such experience:*

1. *Three years of teaching experience if:*

(a) Each public or private school in which the teaching experience occurred was licensed by the state or accredited or certified by a regional or national association for private schools;

~~2.~~ (b) For each year of teaching experience, the applicant taught at the appropriate grade level in a full-time capacity;

~~3.~~ (c) The applicant held a bachelor’s degree or higher during each year of teaching experience;

~~4.~~ (d) The applicant was eligible for reemployment in the school district or school in which the teaching experience occurred;

~~5.~~ (e) The area of endorsement, degree level and grade level of the license being applied for are consistent with the teaching experience completed by the applicant; and

~~6.~~ (f) The teaching experience completed by the applicant is verified by the superintendent of the school district or the principal of the school in which the experience occurred.

2. A paid or unpaid supervised internship if:

(a) The internship was taken as part of a course of study at a regionally accredited college or university;

(b) The applicant earned a number of semester hours of credit for completing the internship that is equivalent to the number of semester hours of student teaching required for the license; and

(c) The internship was at a grade level appropriate to the license being sought.

3. A license or certificate to teach that was issued by another state if:

(a) Student teaching was required as a condition of obtaining the license or certificate; and

(b) The applicant fulfilled that requirement.

Sec. 6. NAC 391.045 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.045 1. An applicant for the initial issuance of a license as a teacher or other educational employee must submit with his application:

(a) His official transcripts;

(b) A negative report of an X-ray film of his chest or a tuberculin test completed within the preceding 12 months;

(c) Evidence that he has successfully completed:

(1) At least 3 semester hours of credit in a course of study regarding education or curricular adaptation for pupils with disabilities; or

(2) An in-service or continuing education course regarding education or curricular adaptation for pupils with disabilities that is approved by the department; and

(d) Except as otherwise provided in NAC 391.0565, a fee of ~~[\$46.]~~ **\$61**, plus the amount charged by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Nevada highway patrol division of the

department of motor vehicles and public safety for their reports on the applicant's fingerprints.

The fee does not include the cost of any examination required by NAC 391.036.

2. If the applicant is not eligible for licensure, the fee will not be returned. The applicant must pay another fee if he applies again.

3. An applicant for an endorsement to an existing license or for an additional license must submit with his application:

(a) Current official transcripts; and

(b) A fee of ~~[\$40.]~~ \$45.

4. The academic credits required to obtain initial licensing or an endorsement to an existing license are not satisfiable by the completion of courses offered by a provider of continuing education , but those courses may be used for the renewal of a license.

Sec. 7. NAC 391.0565 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.0565 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 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 pay an application fee of ~~[\$65.]~~ **\$80.**

Sec. 8. NAC 391.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.070 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;
- (c) A negative report of an X-ray film of his chest or a tuberculin test completed within the preceding 12 months; and
- (d) A renewal fee of ~~[\$65.]~~ **\$80.**

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

3. The superintendent may delay the expiration date of a license 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:

- (a) Submission of the request for renewal or the renewal fee, or both; or
- (b) Submission of the current official transcript or verification of credits.

Sec. 9. NAC 391.392 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.392 1. To receive an endorsement to teach a program of alternative education, a person must:

- (a) Hold a valid ~~[secondary or special license which]~~ :

(1) Elementary license;

(2) Secondary license; or

(3) Special license that is endorsed for a recognized field of teaching other than business and industry;

(b) Have 3 years of verified experience in teaching a program of alternative education; or

(c) Have completed at least 3 semester hours of course work in one or more of the following areas of study:

(1) Behavior management;

(2) Methods of teaching pupils who have specific learning disabilities;

(3) Parental involvement in programs of alternative education; or

(4) Methods of teaching pupils in a program of alternative education or pupils who are at risk of dropping out of high school.

2. A person who holds an endorsement to teach a program of alternative education may:

(a) Provide instruction in any recognized field of teaching for which he holds a valid endorsement; and

(b) Teach courses outside his area of endorsement.

3. An endorsement to teach a program of alternative education is not required to teach a program of alternative education.

4. As used in this section, “program of alternative education” means:

(a) An alternative program as defined in NAC 388.500; or

(b) A program of adult education as defined in subsection 2 of NAC 389.690.