

**ADOPTED REGULATION OF THE COMMISSION ON
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION**

LCB File No. R099-04

Effective August 25, 2004

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 educational personnel; revising the requirements for an endorsement to teach reading and for an endorsement as a specialist in teaching reading; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Section 1. NAC 391.285 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.285 1. To receive an endorsement to teach reading, a person must:

(a) Hold a bachelor's degree;

(b) Hold a ~~[teacher's elementary or secondary license;]~~ *valid elementary, secondary or special license to teach, excluding a business and industry endorsement;* and

(c) Have at least 16 semester hours of preparation in separate or integrated courses related to reading in each of the following subjects:

(1) Foundations of reading;

(2) Elementary methods and materials;

(3) Secondary methods and materials;

(4) Diagnosis of reading disabilities; and

(5) Practical experience in reading remediation.

2. To renew this endorsement, the holder must have completed 6 semester hours of graduate courses in reading and literacy education or either of them.

Sec. 2. NAC 391.290 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.290 To receive an endorsement as a specialist in teaching reading, a person must:

1. Hold a master's degree;
2. Have 3 years of verified experience as a teacher in state-approved schools;
3. Hold a ~~teacher's elementary or secondary license;~~ *valid elementary, secondary or special license to teach, excluding a business and industry endorsement;* and

4. Have completed at least 16 graduate semester hours of courses in reading in each of the following subjects:

- (a) Foundations of reading;
- (b) Etiology and diagnosis of reading problems;
- (c) Clinical practice in correcting reading problems; and
- (d) Research in reading.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF PROPOSED REGULATION
LCB File No. R099-04

The Commission on Professional Standards in Education adopted regulations assigned LCB File No. R099-04 which pertain to chapter 391 of the Nevada Administrative Code on July 16, 2004.

Notice date: 6/16/2004
Hearing date: 7/16/2004

Date of adoption by agency: 7/16/2004
Filing date: 8/25/2004

INFORMATIONAL STATEMENT

1. A description of how public comment was solicited, a summary of public response, and explanation how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

Notice of Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Regulations was sent to approximately 100 individuals and educational organizations. One workshop was held on July 16, 2004. There were no comments from the public.

The Notice of Intent to Act Upon a Regulation for public hearing and adoption of the proposed revisions to NAC 391.305 were sent to approximately 100 individuals and educational organizations. The public hearing was conducted on July 16, 2004 to provide the opportunity for comments by affected parties and the public. There were no comments from the public. The Commission adopted the proposed regulation.

2. The Number of Persons Who:

- a) Attended Each Hearing: Workshop: 8 First Hearing: 8 Second Hearing: N/A
- b) Testified at Each Hearing: Workshop: 1 First Hearing: 0 Second Hearing: N/A
- c) Submitted Written Statements: Workshop: 0 First Hearing: 0 Second Hearing: N/A

A copy of any written comments may be obtained by calling Christina Harper, Administrative Assistant to the Commission on Professional Standards in Education, Nevada Department of Education, 775-687-9226, or by writing to the Nevada Department of Education, 700 East Fifth Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701-5096.

3. A description of how comment was solicited from affected businesses, a summary of the response and an explanation how other interested parties may obtain a copy of the summary.

Comments were solicited through the workshop notice of June 16, 2004, and the public hearing notice of June 16, 2004. At the July 16, 2004 Workshop to Solicit Comments, there were no public comments to the proposed language revisions. At the July 16, 2004 Public Hearing there were no public comments to the proposed language.

Summary of Comments:

Workshop/Public Hearing Comments:

Donna Brothers, Nevada Department of Education, Teacher Licensure, stated that the proposal would allow a reading endorsement to be placed on a K-12 teaching license.

A copy of the summary and/or minutes of the public hearing may be obtained by calling Christina Harper, Administrative Assistant to the Commission on Professional Standards in Education, Nevada Department of Education, 775-687-9224, or by writing to the Nevada Department of Education at 700 East Fifth Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701-5096.

4. If the regulation was adopted with or without change to any part of the proposed regulation, a summary of the reasons for adopting.

The Commission on Professional Standards in Public Education adopted the proposed regulation language at the public hearing held July 16, 2004. The reason for adopting the regulation is that the current endorsements state that an endorsement can only be licensed if a person has an elementary or secondary teaching license and the Teacher Licensure Office is requesting the “special teaching license excluding Business and Industry” be added. A special teaching license would include the following licenses: K-12 Art; K-12 Music; K-12 Physical Education; and K-12 Special Education.

5. The estimated economic effect of the adopted regulation on the business that it is to regulate and on the public. These must be stated separately and each case must include:

The beneficial effect is that it would clean up the regulation language and make it consistent with other endorsements requiring the holder to have a valid teaching license, excluding Business and Industry.

There is no estimated economic effect on the public, either adversely or beneficially, nor immediate or long term.

6. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the adopted regulation.

There is no additional cost to the agency for enforcement of this regulation.

7. A description of any regulations of other state or governmental agencies which the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlapping is necessary. If the regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the name of the regulating federal agency.

No other state or governmental agency regulations will be overlapped or duplicated by the above noted regulation. There is no duplication or overlap of federal regulations.

8. If the regulation includes provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation, which regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions.

There are none.

9. If the regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount the agency expects to collect and the manner in which the money will be used.

This regulation does not provide for a new fee or increase an existing fee.