

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 630.130 and 630.279.

A REGULATION relating to practitioners of respiratory care; revising the qualifications of an applicant for licensure as a practitioner of respiratory care who has not been actively practicing respiratory care for certain periods of time; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Section 1. NAC 630.500 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630.500 An applicant for licensure as a practitioner of respiratory care must have the following qualifications:

1. If he has not practiced as a practitioner of respiratory care for 12 months or more ~~[before applying]~~ *immediately preceding his application* for licensure in this State, he must, *except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 3*, at the order of the Board, take and pass ~~[an]~~ *any* examination that the Board deems appropriate to test the professional competency of the practitioner.

2. *If he has not practiced as a practitioner of respiratory care for 12 months or more but less than 5 years immediately preceding his application for licensure in this State, he may provide proof that he has successfully completed 10 units of continuing education for each year or portion thereof he has not practiced respiratory care. If he provides proof of successfully completing at least 10 units of continuing education for each year or portion*

thereof he has not practiced respiratory care, he is exempt from the examination required pursuant to subsection 1.

3. If he has not practiced as a practitioner of respiratory care for 5 years or more immediately preceding his application for licensure in this State, he must retake and pass the examination required to be certified as a practitioner of respiratory care administered by the National Board for Respiratory Care or its successor organization.

4. Be able to communicate adequately orally and in writing in the English language.

~~{3.}~~ 5. Be of good moral character and reputation.

~~{4.}~~ 6. Be in compliance with the provisions of NRS 630.277.