

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

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NAC 391.0583 Special qualifications licensure; duties of employing school district or private school. (NRS 391.019)

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 requirement of subparagraphs (7), (8), (9), and (10) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 391.019.

2. The holder of a special qualifications licensee, who has only a bachelor's degree and has passed the required test, must complete 9 credits from a regionally accredited institution with an approved teacher education program within the first two years of the license period to be eligible for renewal. The 9 credits for all areas of endorsement except Career and Technical Education must include:

- (a) 3 credits of teaching methods in the subject area of endorsement; and*
- (b) 6 credits from two of the following areas;*
 - 1) Classroom management;*
 - 2) Instruction of students with special needs;*
 - 3) English as a second language;*
 - 4) Technology in the classroom;*
 - 5) Reading and/or writing in the content area; or*
 - 6) Instructional methods for urban/socially disadvantaged students.*

The holder of a special qualifications license with an endorsement in an area of Career and Technical Education must complete 9 credits as follows:

- (a) 3 credits of methods of teaching in Career and Technical Education; and*
- (b) 6 credits from two of the following:*
 - 1) Professional career and technical education;*
 - 2) Applied work-based learning; or*
 - 3) Organization and management of a career and technical education student organization.*

~~[2-]~~ 3. The Department shall develop and maintain a list of acceptable professional licensing boards for purposes of subparagraph (8) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 391.019.

~~{3-}~~ 4. 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 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-}~~ 5. 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) Art 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) Foreign language.
- (j) Career and technical education.

~~{5-}~~ 6. If a school district or a private school that is licensed pursuant to chapter 394 of NRS employs a person who holds a special qualification license, the school district or private school shall:

- (a) Provide the holder of the special qualifications license at least 120 hours of training and orientation before he 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 initial 3}~~ *for 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 initial 3 years of teaching with a special qualifications license.

~~{6-}~~ 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.