

**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, 391.021, 391.032.

A REGULATION relating to educational personnel; revising provisions governing the expiration of a provisional nonrenewable license to teach; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to adopt regulations providing for the issuance of provisional licenses to teachers and other educational personnel before an applicant completes certain requirements for a license to teach. (NRS 391.032)

Existing regulations authorize the Superintendent of Public Instruction to issue a provisional nonrenewable license to an applicant for a license to teach. Under existing regulations, such a license may be valid for: (1) one year if the applicant has certain credit or experiential deficiencies; (2) two years if the applicant has not passed certain competency tests; or (3) three years if the applicant has not completed certain courses regarding education or curricular adaptation for pupils with disabilities. (NAC 391.056) This regulation instead provides: (1) the categories of applicants that may receive a provisional nonrenewable license; and (2) that all provisional nonrenewable licenses expire 3 years after issuance.

Section 1. NAC 391.056 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.056 1. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may issue a provisional nonrenewable license to an applicant applying for a license pursuant to NAC 391.045 ~~[-Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a provisional nonrenewable license is valid for:]~~ *if the applicant:*

(a) ~~{One year, if the applicant otherwise}~~ *Otherwise* meets the requirements for a license pursuant to NAC 391.045, but:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c), has a deficiency in credits of 6 semester hours or less for all areas of licensure or endorsement, unless the provision is for an endorsement as a substitute teacher; or

(2) If the applicant is applying for a school counseling endorsement pursuant to NAC 391.185, lacks confirmation from a college that the applicant has completed a school counseling practicum or internship, but:

(I) Has completed all necessary course-work requirements for the school counseling endorsement;

(II) Has completed 200 hours of the practicum or internship through a regionally accredited college or university, including, without limitation, a minimum of 100 hours in a school setting at the time of his or her application for licensure; and

(III) Is currently and continuously enrolled in a regionally accredited college or university school counseling practicum or internship program;

(b) ~~{Two years, if the applicant has}~~ *Has* not passed the tests required by NAC 391.036 and is not exempt from taking such tests; or

(c) ~~{Three years, if the applicant has}~~ *Has* not completed the course required by paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NAC 391.045.

2. ~~{If each provision is removed on or before the date on which a}~~ *A* license issued pursuant to this section ~~{is set to expire pursuant to subsection 1, the license}~~ expires 3 years after the date on which the license was issued.

3. The holder of a license issued pursuant to this section may add endorsements with provisions to the license during the first year in which the license is valid. Endorsements without provisions may be added to the license at any time during the period in which the license is valid. If an endorsement is added to the license, the endorsement does not affect the date on which the license becomes invalid.