PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION

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The intent of this change is to allow educators to earn professional development at any time during their valid licensure period without an annual requirement and to limit the providers of professional development according to NAC 391.080.

NAC 391.065 Renewal of license: Educational and professional requirements; exceptions. (NRS 385.080, 391.019)

NOTE: This NAC currently appears in two versions. The first version is effective through June 25, 2029, and the second version is effective beginning June 26, 2029.

Citation with proposed modifications

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- 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, subsection 7 of <u>NAC 391.0897</u> and subsection 3 of <u>NAC 391.276</u>, a license issued before June 26, 2019, that is renewable may be renewed only one time after June 26, 2019, if its holder earns 6 semester hours of credit or the equivalent during the term of the license, in addition to those prescribed by <u>NRS 391.0347</u>, if applicable. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 4 and 5, each additional renewal of a license that has been renewed pursuant to this subsection must be made in accordance with subsection 2.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 1, 4 and 5 and subsection 3 of <u>NAC 391.276</u>, a license issued or renewed on or after June 26, 2019, that is renewable may be renewed if the licensee submits to the Department with the request for renewal, in addition to proof of completion prescribed by <u>NRS 391.0347</u>, if applicable, made pursuant to <u>NAC 391.070</u> either:
- (a) Proof, which may include, without limitation, a certificate, transcript, letter from an employer or form verifying attendance, that, during each calendar year for which the license was valid, the licensee has:
- (1) Completed, designed or provided, in accordance with subsection 3, at least 15 hours of professional development or the equivalent amount of in-service training or 1 semester hour of credit of course work at a regionally accredited college or university in any subject;
- (2) If the licensee holds a master's degree or more advanced degree, taught a course at a regionally accredited college or university that directly relates to the profession of education or the subject area of the endorsement held by the licensee; or
- (3) If the licensee holds an occupational license that directly relates to the subject area for which the licensee holds an educational license or endorsement, completed professional development or continuing education that is:
- (I) Required for the renewal of the occupational license by the professional licensing board or agency in this State that issued the occupational license; or
- (II) Directly related to the profession for which the licensee holds an occupational license and is offered by a nationally recognized organization that provides continuing education in the field of the occupational license; or
- (b) A copy of a certificate issued to the licensee by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards or its successor organization which evidences completion of the requirements for certification by that organization.
- 3. The professional development, in-service training or course work completed, designed or provided to fulfill the requirements of subparagraph (1) of paragraph (a) of subsection 2 must directly relate to the profession of education or the area for which the license is endorsed and may:
- (a) Include any professional development, in-service training or course work completed to fulfill another requirement prescribed by this chapter;

- (b) Be obtained at any time, including, without limitation, during the regular working hours of the licensee; and
- (c) Be provided by any person or entity including, without limitation, a college, university, school or school district, regional training program, as defined in <u>NRS 391A.105</u>, employee organization or educational conference.
- 4. If a licensee is not able to complete the requirements of subparagraph (1) of paragraph (a) of subsection 2 during any calendar year in which the license is valid, the licensee may complete the requirements, in addition to the requirements for the next calendar year, during the next calendar year. A licensee may only carry over requirements to the next calendar year one time during the period for which the license is valid unless the board of trustees of the school district or the governing body of the school, as applicable, or the designee thereof approves in writing another extension upon finding the extension is justified. A licensee who receives such approval must submit the written approval with his or her request to renew the license.
 - 5. The provisions of this section do not apply to the renewal of a:
 - (a) License pursuant to NAC 391.073.
- (b) Special license, if the only endorsement of the special license is an endorsement as a substitute teacher in kindergarten through grade 12 issued pursuant to NAC 391.0897.
- 6. The Department may request from any person or entity records necessary to confirm information submitted by a licensee pursuant to this section.

[Bd. of Education, Certification Reg. § 391.050, eff. 10-23-81]—(NAC A 10-26-83; A by Comm'n on Prof. Standards in Education, 11-4-91; 1-11-96; R089-99, 10-25-99; R167-08, 12-17-2008; R141-15, 6-21-2017; R047-17 & R053-17, 6-26-2018; R110-18 & R130-18, 6-26-2019)]

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- (a) Proof, which may include, without limitation, a certificate, transcript, letter from an employer or form verifying attendance, that, during each [calendar year] *licensure period* for which the license was valid, the licensee has:
 - (1) Completed, designed or provided in accordance with subsection 2, at least:
- [15] (1) 90 clock hours of professional development or the equivalent amount of in-service training; [or 1]
 - (II) 6 semester hours of credit of course work at a regionally accredited college or university in any subject; or
 - (III) any combination of clock hours or semester credits that total 90 clock hours.
 - (2) for the purpose of this section 1(a)(1), 1 semester credit equals 15 clock hours.
- (2) If the licensee holds a master's degree or more advanced degree, taught a course at a regionally accredited college or university that directly relates to the profession of education or the subject area of the endorsement held by the licensee; or
- (3) If the licensee holds an occupational license that directly relates to the subject area for which the licensee holds an educational license or endorsement, completed professional development or continuing education that is:
- (I) Required for the renewal of the occupational license by the professional licensing board or agency in this State that issued the occupational license; or

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- (b) A copy of a certificate issued to the licensee by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards or its successor organization which evidences completion of the requirements for certification by that organization.
- 2. The professional development, in-service training or course work completed, designed or provided to fulfill the requirements of subparagraph (1) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1 must directly relate to the profession of education or the area for which the license is endorsed and may:
- (a) Include any professional development, in-service training or course work completed to fulfill another requirement prescribed by this chapter;
- (b) Be obtained at any time, including, without limitation, during the regular working hours of the licensee; and
- (c) Be provided by [any person or entity including, without limitation,] a college, university, school or school district, regional training program, as defined in NRS 391A.105, employee organization, [or] educational conference, or other provider approved by the Department per NAC 391.080.
- [3. If a licensee is not able to complete the requirements of subparagraph (1) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1 during any calendar year in which the license is valid, the licensee may complete the requirements, in addition to the requirements for the next calendar year, during the next calendar year. A licensee may only carry over requirements to the next calendar year one time during the period for which the license is valid unless the board of trustees of the school district or the governing body of the school, as applicable, or the designee thereof approves in writing another extension upon finding the extension is justified. A licensee who receives such approval must submit the written approval with his or her request to renew the license.]
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