

Steve Sisolak
Governor

Jhone M. Ebert
Superintendent of
Public Instruction



Southern Nevada Office
2080 East Flamingo Rd,
Suite 210
Las Vegas, Nevada 89119-0811
Phone: (702) 486-6458
Fax: (702) 486-6450

STATE OF NEVADA
NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

700 E. Fifth Street | Carson City, Nevada 89701-5096
Phone: (775) 687-9200 | www.doe.nv.gov | Fax: (775) 687-9101

Notice of Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Regulation

The Nevada Department of Education is proposing regulation language pertaining to the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). The Workshop has been scheduled for **Thursday, February 24, 2022** at the following locations: **Nevada Department of Education Offices, 700 East Fifth Street, Board Room, Carson City and 2080 East Flamingo Road, Room 114, Las Vegas, Nevada.** The purpose of the Workshop is to solicit comments from interested persons on the following general topics to be addressed in a proposed regulation:

9:20 A.M. Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.223 – Endorsement to provide audiological services; exception; NAC Chapter 391.305 – Endorsement to serve as school nurse; NAC Chapter 391.320 – Endorsement to serve as social worker; and NAC Chapter 391.370 – Qualifications for teaching pupils who have speech and language impairments.

A copy of all materials relating to the proposal may be obtained at the workshop, on the Nevada Department of Education Regulation Workshops and Public hearings [Meeting Materials](#) page, by contacting Dylan Fuson, Board Secretary, Nevada Department of Education, via email at NVBoardEd@doe.nv.gov, by telephone at 775-687-9224 or in person at the Nevada Department of Education, 700 E. 5th St, Carson City, Nevada. Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Department may provide in-person testimony, submit written comment to the Department via email at NVBoardEd@doe.nv.gov, or submit their comments, data, views, or arguments in written form to the Nevada Department of Education, 700 E. 5th St, Carson City, Nevada. Comments may be submitted via email leading up to and for the duration of the workshop, and those submitted via mail must be received by the Department on or before Wednesday, February 23, 2022.

This notice has been sent to all persons on the agencies mailing list for administrative regulations and posted on the Nevada Department of Education's website at <https://doe.nv.gov>, Nevada's Public Notice site at <https://notice.nv.gov>, the Nevada State Legislature's webpage at <https://leg.state.nv.us>, and physically at the Nevada Department of Education Offices and with Nevada State Library and Archives. Copies of this notice will also be emailed and/or mailed to members of the public upon request.

Steve Sisolak
Governor

Jhone M. Ebert
Superintendent of
Public Instruction



Southern Nevada Office
2080 East Flamingo Rd,
Suite 210
Las Vegas, Nevada 89119-0811
Phone: (702) 486-6458
Fax: (702) 486-6450

STATE OF NEVADA
NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
700 E. Fifth Street | Carson City, Nevada 89701-5096
Phone: (775) 687-9200 | www.doe.nv.gov | Fax: (775) 687-9101

SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT
PURSUANT TO NRS 233B.0608

DATE: February 24, 2022

RE: Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.223 – Endorsement to provide audiological services; exception; NAC Chapter 391.305 – Endorsement to serve as school nurse; NAC Chapter 391.320 – Endorsement to serve as social worker; and NAC Chapter 391.370 – Qualifications for teaching pupils who have speech and language impairments.

I, Jhone M. Ebert, being the duly appointed Superintendent of Public Instruction of the Nevada Department of Education, do hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge or belief:

1. The proposed regulation regarding tests of competency for other licensed educational personnel is not likely to (a) impose a direct or significant economic burden upon a small business, or (b) directly restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a small business.
2. A concerted effort was made to determine any economic burden.
3. All relevant materials were reviewed, and the Department considered its history with implementing similar regulations; the proposed changes are within the scope of the Department's activities and present no significant cost of enforcement.
4. Comment has not been solicited from small businesses, and no summary of their response is provided, because small businesses are not impacted by this regulation and thus no burden or adverse economic impact can be assessed.

I hereby further certify that, to the best of my knowledge or belief, a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the regulation on small businesses and that the information contained in this statement was prepared properly and is accurate.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jhone M. Ebert".

Jhone M. Ebert
Superintendent of Public Instruction

REQUESTED AMENDMENT TO NAC 391.XXX

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

NAC 391.223 Endorsement to provide audiological services; exception. (NRS 391.019)

1. To receive an endorsement to provide audiological services to pupils who are at least 3 years of age but less than 22 years of age, a person must hold a:

(a) Certificate of Clinical Competence as an audiologist issued by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association;

(b) Master's degree in audiology from an institution accredited by a regional accrediting association; or

(c) Master's degree in any subject from an institution accredited by a regional accrediting association and have:

(1) Successfully completed at least 300 hours of supervised clinical experience in audiology or speech-language pathology, or both; and

(2) Earned at least 60 credits in courses related to the normal development, function and use of speech and language or hearing, including, but not limited to, the management of disorders of speech or hearing and the legal, professional and ethical practices of audiology or speech-language pathology. At least 24 credits, not including credits earned for a thesis or dissertation, must have been earned in courses directly relating to audiology or speech-language pathology.

2. A person is not required to have an endorsement issued pursuant to subsection 1 to provide audiological services to pupils who are at least 3 years of age but less than 22 years of age.

3. A licensee holding only a special license with an endorsement to provide audiological services is exempt from the requirements of NAC 391.036 and 391.065.

NAC 391.305 Endorsement to serve as school nurse. ([NRS 385.080](#), [391.019](#))

1. Except as otherwise provided in [NAC 391.307](#) and this section, to receive an endorsement to serve as a school nurse, a person must hold a valid license issued by the State Board of Nursing to practice as a registered nurse and must:

(a) Submit evidence of having received a baccalaureate degree and having completed an educational program that:

- (1) Grants postgraduate certificates in school nursing; and
- (2) Is under a regionally accredited institution of higher learning;

(b) Hold a degree in nursing earned under a college or university baccalaureate program in nursing accredited by the National League for Nursing or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education;

(c) Submit evidence of having received:

- (1) A baccalaureate degree; and
- (2) Certification as a school nurse from the National Board for Certification of School Nurses; or

Nurses; or

(d) Hold a baccalaureate degree and certification as a:

- (1) Family nursing practitioner;
- (2) Pediatric nursing practitioner;
- (3) School nursing practitioner; or
- (4) School nursing generalist,

Ê from the American Nurses Association or from the State Board of Nursing.

2. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may grant an endorsement to a person who is a registered nurse and holds a baccalaureate degree from a program in nursing that is not accredited by the National League for Nursing or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education if, in his or her discretion, the courses offered and requirements for a diploma from the unaccredited program are comparable with an accredited program.

3. To renew an endorsement to serve as a school nurse, the holder must continue to hold a valid license issued by the State Board of Nursing.

4. A person who holds only a special license with an endorsement as a school nurse is exempt from the provisions of [NAC 391.036](#) *and* [NAC 391.065](#).

NAC 391.320 Endorsement to serve as social worker. ([NRS 385.080](#), [391.019](#))

1. To receive an endorsement to serve as a social worker, a person must:

(a) Hold a current license issued by the Board of Examiners for Social Workers or hold a current equivalent license issued by a similar agency in another state and agree to obtain a license issued by the Board of Examiners for Social Workers within 1 year after the date on which the person applied for an endorsement; and

(b) Have completed an educational program for social workers in schools which includes a practicum in schools or the equivalent professional or practicum experience providing services directly to children of school age, both individually and in groups, and to their families.

2. In addition to the requirements listed in subsection 1, a person who wishes to receive such an endorsement must:

(a) Have completed a program to serve as a social worker in schools that is approved by the Board;

(b) Hold the credential issued by the National Association of Social Workers certifying that the holder is a specialist in social work in schools; or

(c) Hold a master's degree in social work from a college or university that has been accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

3. An endorsement to serve as a social worker held by a person who is not licensed in this State expires 1 year after the date on which the holder applied for the endorsement if the holder has not obtained a license issued by the Board of Examiners for Social Workers by that date.

4. A licensee holding only a special license with an endorsement as a social worker is exempt from the requirements of [NAC 391.036](#) and [391.065](#).

~~4~~ 5 . To renew the endorsement, the holder must:

- (a) Continue to hold a valid license issued by the Board of Examiners for Social Workers; and
- (b) Each time that the license is renewed by the Board of Examiners for Social Workers, deliver a copy of the license to the Office of Educator Licensure within the Department.

NAC 391.370 Qualifications for teaching pupils who have speech and language impairments. ([NRS 385.080](#), [391.019](#), [391.032](#))

1. Before teaching pupils, ages 3 to 21, inclusive, who have speech and language impairments, a person must hold an endorsement issued pursuant to this section.

2. To receive the endorsement, the person must:

(a) Have completed a program of preparation for teaching pupils who have speech and language impairments, which has been approved by the Board;

(b) Hold a certificate of clinical competence in speech from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association or an equivalent license from the Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Board;

(c) Hold a license or certificate, issued by another state, with an endorsement to teach pupils who have speech and language impairments;

(d) Hold a bachelor's or master's degree in the area of speech and language impairments, and have 8 semester hours of student teaching, a clinical practicum, equivalent field experience or 1 year of verifiable teaching experience with pupils who have speech and language impairments; or

(e) Have completed a bachelor's or master's degree and:

(1) Have completed 8 semester hours in student teaching of pupils who have speech and language impairments, a clinical practicum with those pupils, equivalent field experience with those pupils or 1 year of verifiable teaching experience with those pupils; and

(2) Have completed at least 28 semester hours of course work, including course work in the following areas:

(I) Audiology;

(II) Methods for the assessment and treatment of the disorders of articulation, fluency, voice and language;

(III) The development of normal speech and language;

(IV) Science of speech and voice;

(V) Phonetics;

(VI) Introduction to special education or the education of pupils who have disabilities;

and

(VII) Parental involvement in programs for pupils who have disabilities.

3. A person who:

(a) Holds only a special education license with an endorsement to provide services to pupils who have speech and language impairments; and

(b) Holds a certificate of clinical competence pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2;

or

(c) Is a clinical fellow who is in the process of completing the requirements to obtain a certificate of clinical competence pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2

↪ is exempt from the requirements of NAC 391.036 and 391.065.