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Notice of Intent to Act Upon a Regulation

Notice of Hearing for the Adoption of Regulations of the Commission on Professional Standards in Education
as proposed in LCB File #R067-25

The Commission on Professional Standards in Education will hold a public hearing **at 9:02 A.M. on Wednesday, February 18, 2026** via [livestream](https://www.livestream.com) and at the following locations: **Old Assembly Room, Nevada State Capital, 101 N. Carson Steet, Carson City, NV 89701 and Nevada Department of Education, 2080 East Flamingo Road, Suite 114, Las Vegas, NV 89119.** The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding repeal of regulations pertaining to Chapter 391.060 and 391.073 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) pursuant to the Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 391.019.

The following information is provided pursuant to the requirements of Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 233B.0603:

1. **The need and the purpose of the proposed regulations and/or amendments:** In accordance with NRS 391.019, the Commission on Professional Standards in Education shall adopt regulations:
 - *Prescribing the qualifications for licensing teachers and other educational personnel and the procedures for the issuance and renewal of those licenses.*
2. **Description of the proposed regulation, or the subjects and issues involved:** The proposed regulation relating to educational personnel; revising provisions relating to the qualifications for and the expiration of certain licenses issued by the Department of Education; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. This regulation will align all licenses to 3, 5, and 6 years as well as allow all educators licensed in chapter 391 to obtain a retiree license.
3. The revised text of the proposed regulation is attached to this notice.
4. **Estimated economic effect of the regulation on the business which it is to regulate and on the public:** There is no economic effect of the regulation on the business that it regulates and no impact on the public.
5. **Methods used by the agency in determining the impact on a small business:** Small business are not impacted by this regulation.
6. **The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation:** No costs.
7. **Description and citation of duplicative or overlapping regulations of other state or local**

governmental agencies: There is no duplication or overlap of regulations of state or local government agencies.

- 8. Is the regulation required by federal law?** This regulation is not required pursuant to federal law.
- 9. Does the regulation include provisions more stringent than a federal regulation regarding the same activity?** There is no federal law affecting or overlapping the proposed regulations.
- 10. Does the proposed regulation establish a new fee or increase an existing fee?** The proposed regulation does not establish a new fee or increase an existing fee.

A copy of all materials relating to the proposed regulation may be obtained at the hearing, on the [Commission on Professional Standards in Education webpage](#), by contacting the Commission on Professional Standards in Education, Nevada Department of Education, via email at COPS@doe.nv.gov, by telephone at (702) 668-4317 or in person at the Nevada Department of Education, 2080 E. Flamingo Rd. Las Vegas, Nevada. Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Commission on Professional Standards in Education may provide in- person testimony, submit written comment to the Commission on Professional Standards in Education via email at COPS@doe.nv.gov, or submit their comments, data, views, or arguments in written form to the Commission on Professional Standards in Education, Nevada Department of Education, 2080 E. Flamingo Rd. Las Vegas, Nevada. Comments may be submitted via email leading up to and for the duration of the meeting, and those submitted via mail must be received by the Commission on or before **Friday, February 13, 2026**. A record of all submitted comments will be retained, and the Commission will proceed to consider any public comment received.

This notice and the text of the proposed regulation has been sent to all persons on the agencies mailing list for the Commission on Professional Standards in Education, posted on the [Commission on Professional Standards in Education](#) webpage, [Nevada's Public Notice](#) webpage, the [Nevada State Legislature's Administrative Regulations notices](#) webpage, available in the State of Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations pursuant to NRS 233B.0653, and physically posted at the Nevada Department of Education Offices. Copies of this notice will also be emailed and/or mailed to members of the public upon request.

Notice required by NRS 233B.064: Upon adoption of any regulation, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either before adoption or within 30 days thereafter, will issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.

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

LCB File No. R067-25

December 16, 2025

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

AUTHORITY: §§ 1 and 2, NRS 391.019.

A REGULATION relating to educational personnel; revising provisions relating to the qualifications for and the expiration of certain licenses issued by the Department of Education; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to adopt regulations regarding the qualifications and process for licensing teachers and other educational personnel. (NRS 391.019) Existing regulations specify the number of years for which renewable licenses are valid based upon certain credentials of the applicant. Specifically, existing regulations make a license valid for: (1) five years, if the applicant has a bachelor’s degree or less; (2) six years, if the applicant has a master’s degree and 3 years of verified teaching experience; (3) eight years, if the applicant has a specialist degree and 3 years of verified teaching experience; (4) ten years, if the applicant has a doctoral degree and 3 years of verified teaching experience; and (5) generally, the period of the certificate, if an applicant has a National Board Certification issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. (NAC 391.060) **Section 1** of this regulation removes the provisions governing the period of validity for the license of an applicant who has a specialist or doctoral degree or a National Board Certification, and instead provides that if an applicant has a master’s or more advanced degree and at least 5 years of full-time employment as a licensed teacher or other educational personnel, the license is valid for 6 years.

Existing regulations authorize certain persons who are retired and hold a valid license issued by the Superintendent of Public Instruction to apply for a ten-year renewal of their license. Specifically, existing regulations require the applicant to provide proof of at least 15 years of verified employment experience as a teacher or administrator at a public or private school in this State. (NAC 391.073) **Section 2** of this regulation removes the provision that limits eligibility to only those persons with employment experience as teachers or administrators, and instead provides that an applicant must show proof of at least 15 years of full-time employment as a licensed teacher or other educational personnel at a public or private school in this State. Additionally, **section 2** revises the renewal term of the license to 6 years.

Section 1. NAC 391.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.060 1. ~~[Upon]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in NAC 391.073, upon* application, the Department shall issue a *renewable* license *that is valid* for : ~~[the specified number of years to a person with:]~~

(a) ~~[A]~~ *Five years, if the applicant holds a* bachelor's degree or less ~~[, for 5 years.] ; or~~

(b) ~~[A]~~ *Six years, if the applicant:*

(1) Holds a master's or more advanced degree ; and ~~[3]~~

(2) Provides proof that the applicant has been employed full time for at least 5 years ~~[of verified teaching experience, for 6 years.]~~

~~—(c) A specialist's degree and 3 years of verified teaching experience, for 8 years.~~

~~—(d) A doctoral degree and 3 years of verified teaching experience, for 10 years.~~

~~—(e) A National Board Certification issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, for the period of the certificate, unless the person is issued a license for a longer period pursuant to paragraph (a), (b), (c) or (d).~~

~~→ A license specified in this subsection is renewable.]~~ *as a licensed teacher or other educational personnel.*

2. Except as otherwise provided in this section ~~[,]~~ *and* NAC 391.056 and 391.057, a license expires on the holder's date of birth in the year of expiration.

3. A provisional license that is renewable becomes invalid on the date of expiration of the provision. If the holder of such a license provides evidence to the Department of his or her completion of the course work required to satisfy the provision, the Department will remove the provision and the license remains valid until the date of expiration of the license.

4. An endorsement becomes invalid on the date that the license to which it is attached expires.

Sec. 2. NAC 391.073 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.073 1. A person who is retired and who holds a valid license issued by the Superintendent of Public Instruction may submit an application on a form prescribed by the Department for renewal of the license. The application must include:

(a) Proof that the applicant ~~[has]~~ *was employed full time for* at least 15 years ~~[of verified employment experience]~~ as a ~~[teacher or administrator]~~ *licensed teacher or other educational personnel* at a public or private school in this State; and

(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a renewal fee of:

(1) ~~[For a renewal due on or after September 16, 2024, but before July 1, 2025, \$170. —(2)]~~ For a renewal due on or after July 1, 2025, but before July 1, 2026, \$175.

~~[(3)]~~ (2) For a renewal due on or after July 1, 2026, but before July 1, 2027, \$180.

~~[(4)]~~ (3) For a renewal due on or after July 1, 2027, but before July 1, 2028, \$185.

~~[(5)]~~ (4) For a renewal due on or after July 1, 2028, \$190.

2. If the applicant has been granted an extension of time pursuant to NAC 391.077, the applicant must, instead of submitting a fee in the amount required by paragraph (b) of subsection 1, submit a fee in an amount equal to the fee prescribed by NAC 391.045 for the initial issuance of a license. Any fee submitted pursuant to this subsection or paragraph (b) of subsection 1 includes the fees for processing the fingerprints of the applicant by the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, the requirements for renewal set forth in NAC 391.065 do not apply to the renewal of a license pursuant to this section.

4. An application for renewal pursuant to this section may not be submitted earlier than 9 months before the expiration date of the license.

5. ~~[Notwithstanding the provisions of NAC 391.060 to the contrary, the]~~ *The* renewal of a license pursuant to this section is valid for ~~[40]~~ 6 years. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may delay the expiration of a license for not more than 120 days pending receipt of the reports of the criminal history of the licensee by the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. A person may renew the license pursuant to this section if he or she satisfies the requirements of subsection 1.

6. If a person who holds a license that is renewed pursuant to this section accepts employment with a public employer and is retired under the Public Employees' Retirement System, the person shall comply with the applicable provisions of chapter 286 of NRS and any other statutes and regulations applicable to retired public employees.

7. An applicant for renewal pursuant to this section who seeks to renew an endorsement in a field of specialization shall comply with the applicable requirements for the renewal of the endorsement.

8. As used in this section, "public employer" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 286.070.