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Notice of Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Regulation

The Commission on Professional Standards in Education is proposing regulation language pertaining to the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). The Workshop has been scheduled for Thursday, January 15, 2026, via <u>Livestream Link</u> 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 Workshop is to solicit comments from interested persons on the following general topics to be addressed in a proposed regulation:

9:01 A.M. Workshop R067-25 to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.060 – Expiration of licenses and endorsements and NAC 391.073 – Renewal of license: Requirements for persons who are retired and hold a valid license issued by Superintendent of Public Instruction; fee; term of validity; delay of expiration date by Superintendent; endorsement; renewal. The Commission will consider a regulation to update NAC 391.060 and 391.073. 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. The Commission may approve or not approve moving this item to a Public Hearing.

A copy of all materials relating to the proposal may be obtained at the workshop, on the Meeting Materials page, by contacting the Nevada Department of Education, via email at geraldine.mendiola@doe.nv.gov, by telephone at 702-668-4317, or viewed in person at the 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. Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Commission may provide in-person testimony, submit written comment to the Commission via email at COPS@doe.nv.gov or submit their comments, data, views, or arguments in written form to the Nevada Department of Education Offices, 700 East Fifth Street, Carson City, NV 89701 or 2080 East Flamingo Suite 210, Las Vegas, NV 89119. 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 Commission on or before Friday, January 9, 2026.

This notice has been sent to all persons on the agencies mailing list for administrative regulations and the Department of Education 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://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Notice/A/, 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.

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SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT PURSUANT TO NRS 233B.0608

DATE: December 17, 2025

RE: Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.060 – Expiration of licenses and endorsements and NAC 391.073 – Renewal of license: Requirements for persons who are retired and hold a valid license issued by Superintendent of Public Instruction; fee; term of validity; delay of expiration date by Superintendent; endorsement; renewal.

- I, Victor Wakefield, 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 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. Comments have 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,

Dr. Victor Wakefield

Superintendent of Public Instruction

PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION

LCB File No. R067-25

November 14, 2025

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

AUTHORITY: § 1, NRS 391.019.

A REGULATION relating to educational personnel; revising provisions relating to 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) 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 3 years of verified teaching experience, the license is valid for 6 years.

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

391.060 1. 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 person holds a bachelor's degree or less [, for 5 years.]; or

- (b) [A] Six years, if the person holds a master's or more advanced degree and 3 5 years of Verified full-time employment experience as an educator licensed in chapter 391 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.]
- 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.

The intent of this regulation is to align all licenses to a period of 3, 5, and 6 years. Additionally, this regulation will allow all educators licensed in chapter 391 to apply for a retiree license and not limit the retiree license to only teachers and administrators.

- NAC 391.073 Renewal of license: Requirements for persons who are retired and hold a valid license issued by Superintendent of Public Instruction; fee; term of validity; delay of expiration date by Superintendent; endorsement; renewal. (NRS 391.019, 391.033, 391.040)
- 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 at least 15 years of verified employment experience as an *educator licensed in chapter 391* teacher or administrator at a public or private school in this State; and
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, a renewal fee of \$150. If the applicant has been granted an extension of time pursuant to NAC 391.077, the applicant must instead 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 paragraph 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.
- ⇒ Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, the requirements for renewal set forth in NAC 391.065 do not apply.
- 2. An application for renewal pursuant to this section may not be submitted earlier than 9 months before the expiration date of the license.
- 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of NAC 391.060 to the contrary, the renewal of a license pursuant to this section is valid for 10 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.
- 4. 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 <u>chapter 286</u> of NRS and any other statutes and regulations applicable to retired public employees.
- 5. 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.
- 6. As used in this section, "public employer" has the meaning ascribed to it in <u>NRS</u> 286.070.

(Added to NAC by Comm'n on Prof. Standards in Education by R167-08, eff. 12-17-2008; A by R114-11, 5-30-2012; R143-15, 6-28-2016; R045-16, 6-21-2017)