

**NOTICE OF HEARING FOR THE AMENDMENT AND ADOPTION OF REGULATION
OF THE COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION**

The Nevada Commission on Professional Standards in Education will hold a public hearing at 8:00 AM on **February 25, 2015 to be video-conferenced in the following locations:**

Nevada Department of Education Boardroom 700 East Fifth Street Carson City, Nevada	and	Nevada Department of Education Boardroom 9890 South Maryland Pkwy Las Vegas, Nevada	and	Great Basin College McMullen Hall Room 110 1500 College Parkway Elko, Nevada
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The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the amendments/adoptions of regulations that pertain to Chapter 391 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). If no person who is directly affected by the proposed action appears to request time to make an oral presentation, the Commission on Professional Standards in Education may proceed immediately to act upon any written submissions.

The time for the hearing is scheduled as follows:

8:00 A.M. Public Hearing and Possible Adoption to Consider Comments for Amendments to NAC 391.237: Endorsements to teach English as second language; endorsement as professional teacher of English as second language.

NOTE: Possible action to adopt may be taken at this meeting.

The following information is provided pursuant to the requirements of NRS 233B.0603:

1. The need and the purpose of the proposed amendments to NAC 391.237 are based on recommendations from the English Mastery Council in accordance with Senate Bill 504 (2013). Proposed amendments are related to requirements for an endorsement to teach English as a second language.
2. The Subjects and Issues involved in the regulation are those who would be seeking to obtain the English as a second language endorsement and recommended changes relating to coursework, training, and/or other requirements to obtain the endorsement.
3. There is no economic effect of the regulation on the business that it regulates. There is also no economic effect of the regulation on the public.
4. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation is none.
5. There are no federal laws affecting the proposed regulations and there is no duplication or overlap of state or local governmental agencies.
6. The proposed regulation is not required pursuant to federal law.
7. The proposed regulation does not include provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation that regulates the same activity.
8. The proposed regulation does not establish a new fee. The proposed regulation does not increase the existing licensure fee.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Commission on Professional Standards in Education may appear at the scheduled public hearing or may address their comments, data, views or arguments, in written form, to the Commission Secretary, Nevada Department of Education, 9890 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89183. The Department of Education must receive written submissions **on or before February 25, 2015**. If no person who is directly affected by the proposed action appears to request time to make an oral presentation, the Commission on Professional Standards in Education may proceed immediately to act upon any written submissions.

A copy of this notice and the regulation to be amended/adopted will be on file at the State Library and Archives, 100 Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada, for inspection by members of the public during business hours. Additional copies of the notice and the regulation to be amended/adopted will be available at the Nevada Department of Education, 9890 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89183, and in all counties at the main public library, for inspection and copying by members of the public during business hours. This notice and the text of the proposed regulation are also available at the State of Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations which is prepared and published monthly by the Legislative Counsel Bureau pursuant to NRS 233B.0653 and on the Internet at <http://www.leg.state.nv.us>. Copies of this notice and the proposed regulation will also be mailed to members of the public upon request. A reasonable fee may be charged for copies if it is deemed necessary.

Upon adoption of any regulation, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either prior to adoption or within 30-day 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.

This notice of hearing has been posted at the following locations: Nevada Department of Education, both locations; 17 Nevada County School District Offices; 17 Nevada Public Libraries; Clark County Classroom Teachers Association; Washoe County Teachers Association; Nevada State Education Association, both locations; and Nevada State Library and Archives.

PROPOSED HEARING FOR TEMPORARY REGULATION

NAC 391.237 Endorsements to teach English as second language; endorsement as professional teacher of English as second language (NRS 385.080, 391.019, 391.032)

1. To receive an ~~endorsement to teach English as a second language~~ *English Language Acquisition and Development (ELAD) endorsement*, a person must have:
 - (a) A valid elementary, secondary or special license, a valid license to teach special education, or a valid license to teach middle school or junior high school education; ~~and~~
 - (b) Completed at least 3 semester hours of credit in each of the following areas of study:
 - (1) Language Acquisition Theory and English Language Development Practices; and
 - (2) Methods and Curriculum for Teaching English Learners (ELs); and
 - (3) Assessment and Evaluation of English Learners (ELs);
 - (c) *Completed at least 2 semester hours in ~~(4)~~ Policies, Critical Issues and Best Practices for pre-Kindergarten and Elementary English Learners (ELs) or Policies, Critical Issues and Best Practices for Secondary English Learners (ELs); and*
 - (d) *Completed at least one semester hour of field/clinical experience or practicum to include a minimum 25 hours of classroom experience.*
2. To receive an endorsement as a professional teacher of English as a second language, a person must have completed the requirements for an endorsement to teach English as a second language and:
 - (a) Hold a master's degree; and
 - (b) Have 3 years of experience as a teacher.
3. *To receive an endorsement as an English Language Acquisition Development (ELAD) Specialist, a person must:*
 - (a) *Have completed the requirements for the ELAD endorsement pursuant to subsection 1* and:
 - (b) *Complete at least 3 semester hours of credit in each of the following areas of study:*
 - i. *Cultural and Linguistic Diversity (CLD) Program Leadership; and*
 - ii. *Foundations in Cultural and Linguistic Diversity (CLD) Education*
- ~~3-~~ 4. Requirements for the successful completion of a course of study in which a person is enrolled are in addition to the requirements to receive an endorsement.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Education, eff. 12-15-86; A by Comm'n on Prof. Standards in Education, 11-4-91; R103-98, 12-18-98; R021-01, 10-22-2001, eff. 7-1-2002; R056-03, 10-21-2003; R005-05, 10-31-2005; R070-06, 9-18-2006; R028-11, 10-26-2011; R012-13, 10-23-2013)

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**SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT
PURSUANT TO NRS 233B.0608**

Date: January 23, 2015

RE: Proposed Adoption of Regulations Revising NAC 391.237: Endorsements to teach English as second language; endorsement as professional teacher of English as second language.

I, Dale A.R. Erquiaga, being duly appointed Superintendent of Public Instruction, do hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge or belief:

1. The proposed changes to the regulations NAC 391.237 are 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. The Department of Education has relied on the expert knowledge of Department staff and the Attorney General's Office the impact is solely on school districts and the Department of Education.
3. All relevant materials were reviewed and the Department considered its history with implementing similar regulations; the proposed changes are within the historic scope of the Department's activities and present no new cost of enforcement.
4. Comment has not been solicited from small business, and no summary of their response is provided, because small businesses are not impacted by this regulation and thus no burden or 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 blue ink that reads "Dale A.R. Erquiaga".

DALE A.R. ERQUIAGA
Superintendent of Public Instruction