

**Nevada State Board of Education (7-23-15)**  
English Mastery Council Recommendations - Update

**Background**

At the March 26, 2015 meeting of the State Board of Education (Board), the English Mastery Council (EMC) provided an update to the Board regarding the status of recommendations concerning teacher training to ensure that the needs of English learners are met in Nevada’s public schools. This presentation provides a further update from the Nevada Department of Education to the State Board.

**EMC Recommendations Update**

<b>EMC Recommendation 3.1</b>	<b>Status</b>
<i>“All Nevada Teacher Preparation Programs that prepare pre-service and initial licensure students must include preparation for the TESL/ELAD endorsement no later than 2 years after adoption of the regulations by the appropriate state agency and/or regulatory board.”</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NDE staff is in the process of gathering input from higher education staff related to this recommendation.</li> <li>• Based on the input from higher education, NDE can prepare an updated statement that could include recommendation 3.2 for the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) to review and provide input.</li> </ul>

<b>EMC Recommendation 3.2</b>	<b>Status of Recommendation</b>
<i>All new licensees be required to hold the TESL/ELAD endorsement.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As reported previously, the Commission on Professional Standards did not accept this recommendation.</li> <li>• This recommendation was shared with the State Board at the March 26, 2015 meeting.</li> <li>• The State Board took no formal action on the recommendation.</li> </ul>

<b>Recommendation 4</b>	<b>Status of Recommendation</b>
<i>Propose that three of the six required continuing education credits needed for licensure renewal be focused on English learners or ELAD courses and that the recommendation be presented to the appropriate state agency or regulatory board.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Commission on Professional Standards (COPS) invited the EMC to bring a revised recommendation back to COPS.</li> <li>• The EMC accepted the revised recommendation from the TESL subcommittee at the 5/7/15 meeting. See draft amendment below.</li> <li>• The EMC has requested the opportunity to present the revised recommendation to COPS on August 19, 2015.</li> </ul>

Proposed DRAFT Change to NAC 391.065 (Recommendation 4)

**NAC 391.065 Renewal of license: Educational and professional requirements; exception.** ([NRS 385.080, 391.019](#))

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the educational prerequisites for renewal of a license are as follows:
  - (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), a license that is renewable may be renewed if its holder earns 6 semester hours of credit or the equivalent during the term of the license.
 

*(1) Effective October 1, 2018 – To renew a standard license, three of the six required continuing education credits be focused on English learners or English Language Acquisition Development courses, and continue upon each renewal until TESL/ELAD endorsement is earned or completed.*
  - (b) The holder of a license issued on a specialist’s or doctor’s degree or a National Board Certification must show evidence of professional growth in the area of endorsement during the term of the license.
2. The provisions of this section do not apply to the renewal of a license pursuant to [NAC 391.073](#). [Bd. of Education, Certification Reg. § 391.050, eff. 10-23-81]—(NAC A 10-26-83; A by Commission on Prof. Standards in Education, 11-4-91; 1-11-96; R089-99, 10-25-99; R167-08, 12-17-2008)