

AMENDED LANGUAGE FOLLOWING HEARING

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted. Matter in *green italics* is material added at public hearing; matter in orange brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted after public hearing.

AUTHORITY: §§1-3, NRS 391.019.

A REGULATION relating to education; requiring the review of the transcripts of an applicant for certain endorsements; revising the qualifications to obtain an endorsement to teach pupils in a program of orientation and mobility; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to adopt regulations setting forth the educational requirements a teacher is required to satisfy to qualify for an endorsement in a field of specialization. (NRS 391.019) Existing regulations provide that the Department of Education will evaluate the transcripts of an applicant for licensure or consider other proof of graduation to determine whether he or she is qualified for licensure. (NAC 391.040) **Section 1** of this regulation provides that the Department will similarly evaluate the transcripts of an applicant for an endorsement to determine whether he or she is qualified for the endorsement.

Existing regulations require an applicant for an endorsement to teach pupils in a program of orientation and mobility to have certain education or hold a certain certificate in orientation and mobility. (NAC 391.391) **Section 2** of this regulation revises the professional certificate that qualifies an applicant for such an endorsement.

Section 1. NAC 391.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.040 The Department will:

1. Develop a test to determine the qualifications of an applicant for a license; and
2. In determining whether an applicant is qualified for ~~[licensure,]~~:

(a) *Licensure*, evaluate his or her official transcripts from accredited colleges or universities or consider proof that the applicant has earned a degree through a degree program approved by the ~~[National Council of Accreditation of Teacher Education.]~~ *Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation.*

(b) *An endorsement for which the applicant is required to hold a degree, diploma or other credential or have completed course work, evaluate his or her official transcripts from the college, university or other institution that awarded the degree, diploma or credential or at which the course work was completed, as applicable.*

Sec. 2. NAC 391.391 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.391 1. To receive an endorsement to teach pupils in a program of orientation and mobility, a person must hold a:

(a) Bachelor's or graduate degree in:

(1) Orientation and mobility; or

(2) Any other field of study and have successfully completed an orientation and mobility program at a university approved by the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired ~~[;]~~ *or its successor organization;* or

(b) ~~[Professional certificate in orientation and mobility issued by the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired.]~~ *Specialty credential as a Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialist from the Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation and Education Professionals or its successor organization.*

2. Such an endorsement is not required to teach pupils in a program of orientation and mobility.

Sec. 3. An endorsement to teach pupils in a program of orientation and mobility that is valid on the effective date of this regulation remains valid until the date on which the license of

the holder must be renewed. In order to renew such an endorsement, the holder must submit with his or her application to renew that license proof that he or she possesses the credentials prescribed by NAC 391.391, as amended by section 2 of this regulation.