

*NRS 656.030*

*X. "Certificate by Reciprocity" means, pursuant to NRS 622.520, a certified court reporter's certificate issued to a veteran under the certificate of reciprocity provisions of this chapter.*

*X. "Certificate by Endorsement" means, pursuant to NRS 622.530, a certified court reporter's certificate issued under the certificate by endorsement provisions of this chapter.*

*NAC 656.XXX*

*1. The Board will issue a certificate by reciprocity to a veteran pursuant to NRS 622.520 or a certificate by endorsement pursuant to NRS 622.530 and the applicant will not have to satisfy the requirements of NRS 656.150(2)(b) and NRS 656.170(2)(b) for an applicant for certification as a certified court reporter who:*

*(a) holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted certificate or license in good standing in another jurisdiction that, as determined by the Board, has certification or licensing requirements that are substantially equivalent to, or more stringent than, the Board's standards for initial certification;*

*(b) provides acceptable proof to the Board that the applicant has been actively performing court reporting in the other jurisdiction where the applicant is a certified or licensed court reporter during the five-year period immediately preceding the application for certification;*

*(c) has not been disciplined by the corresponding regulatory authority of the other jurisdiction in which the applicant currently holds or has held a certificate or license to engage in the practice of court reporting;*

*(d) has not been held civilly or criminally liable in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States for misconduct relating to the practice of court reporting;*

*(e) has not had a certificate or license to engage in the practice of court reporting suspended or revoked in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;*

(f) *has not been refused a certificate or license to engage in the practice of court reporting in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;*

(g) *does not have pending any disciplinary action concerning his or her certificate or license to engage in the practice of court reporting in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;*

(h) *submits to the Board a letter of good standing or electronic version of their current licensure status including date of issuance and disciplinary record from each state in which they are, or have been, licensed;*

(i) *submits to the Board an application for a written examination accompanied by the fee required by NAC 656.200 and all information as required under NRS 656.150, NRS 656.180, and NRS 622.530; and*

(j) *successfully passes a written examination in accordance with NRS 656.160 and NRS 656.170 prior to the issuance of a certificate.*

2. *Written examinations for a certificate by reciprocity or a certificate by endorsement must be held monthly pursuant to a schedule fixed annually by the Executive Secretary.*

3. *Certification of a written examination for a certificate by reciprocity or a certificate by endorsement may be issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the Chair or Vice Chair of the Board and the Executive Secretary of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.*

4. *After the Board provides official notice of the results of the examination for a certificate by reciprocity or a certificate by endorsement, a successful applicant may submit an application for a certificate on a form provided by the Board. The application must include:*

(a) *The fee required by NAC 656.200 for the original issuance of a certificate;*

(b) *The residential address and telephone number of the applicant;*

(c) *The business address and telephone number, if any, of the applicant;*

(d) *The date on which the applicant successfully passed the examination;*

(e) *In accordance with NRS 656.155, the statement prescribed by the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services of the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to NRS 425.520; and*

(f) *Complete answers to the questions contained on the form.*

3. *Upon receipt of a complete application, the Board will process an application for a certificate. A successful applicant must not practice court reporting in this State until he or she receives a certificate from the Board.*

4. *A natural person issued a certificate by reciprocity or a certificate by endorsement must comply with the provisions set forth in NRS 656 and NAC 656 and all applicable laws, regulations and court procedural rules governing court reporters.*

NOTE: I am pretty confident we cannot waive the NRS requirements as proposed in number 1 above. If that is the case, then we should seek LCB's guidance to revise the NRS language to allow for certification by reciprocity or endorsement without the RPR/CVR requirement. If NRS continues to require the RPR or CVR, then an applicant for reciprocity or endorsement will need the same prerequisites as everyone else seeking licensure. By accepting another state's licensure and not requiring the RPR or CVR, we would be making it easier for licensure of someone who holds a license in another state, which is what the directive is, I believe.

Here is an example of how the Chiropractic Physicians Board excluded applicants for licensure by endorsement from their standard requirements:

"NAC 634.290 1. In addition to the subjects of examination set forth in NRS 634.070, an applicant for a license to practice chiropractic in Nevada, other than an applicant for licensure by endorsement pursuant to section 2 of this regulation, must pass:"

The difference here is that their requirements are in NAC, not NRS.