

**Chapter 181-01 WAC
WEST-B ASSESSMENT PROGRAM**

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DISPOSITION OF SECTIONS FORMERLY CODIFIED IN THIS CHAPTER

181-01-0025 WEST-B alternatives. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 13-16-051, § 181-01-0025, filed 8/1/13, effective 9/1/13] Repealed by WSR 20-04-083, filed 2/4/20, effective 3/6/20. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
181-01-003 WEST-E time extension. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220. WSR 04-08-048, § 181-01-003, filed 4/1/04, effective 5/2/04.] Repealed by WSR 06-24-084, filed 12/5/06, effective 1/5/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210.

WAC 181-01-001 WEST-B basic skills assessment extension and permit for out-of-state candidates. Candidates who are prepared and/or certified out-of-state applying for a Washington state residency teaching certificate under WAC 181-79A-257 or 181-79A-260 have up to one calendar year from the issuance of a temporary permit to take the WEST-B basic skills assessment and report the individual results; present evidence of taking an alternative or equivalent assessment under WAC 181-01-002, provided that they have completed all other requirements for teacher certification other than the WEST-B requirement and are thus eligible for a temporary permit under WAC 181-79A-128.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW. WSR 20-23-030, § 181-01-001, filed 11/10/20, effective 12/11/20; WSR 20-04-083, § 181-01-001, filed 2/4/20, effective 3/6/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 13-16-051, § 181-01-001, filed 8/1/13, effective 9/1/13; WSR 07-09-058, § 181-01-001, filed 4/12/07, effective 5/13/07; WSR 06-24-084, § 181-01-001, filed 12/5/06, effective 1/5/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210, 28A.410.220. WSR 02-21-014, § 181-01-001, filed 10/8/02, effective 11/8/02.]

WAC 181-01-002 WEST-B basic skills assessment requirement, exemptions, alternatives, and equivalent assessments. (1) Taking a basic skills assessment under this chapter is required for issuance of a Washington state teacher certificate under WAC 181-77-031, 181-77-041, and 181-79A-206.

(2) Individuals seeking admission to a state approved teacher preparation program, and out-of-state candidates applying for a Washington state teacher certificate under WAC 181-79A-257 or 181-79A-260, must submit evidence of taking the WEST-B or an alternative or equivalent to the WEST-B as identified and accepted by the professional educator standards board.

(3) Candidates applying for a Washington state teaching certificate under WAC 181-79A-257 who hold a valid certificate through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards or other equivalent second tier educator certifications from other states as approved and published by the professional educator standards board, are exempt from the WEST-B requirement.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW. WSR 20-23-030, § 181-01-002, filed 11/10/20, effective 12/11/20; WSR 20-04-083, §

181-01-002, filed 2/4/20, effective 3/6/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 15-08-030, § 181-01-002, filed 3/25/15, effective 4/25/15; WSR 13-23-078, § 181-01-002, filed 11/19/13, effective 12/20/13; WSR 13-16-051, § 181-01-002, filed 8/1/13, effective 9/1/13; WSR 12-04-032, § 181-01-002, filed 1/26/12, effective 2/26/12; WSR 06-24-084, § 181-01-002, filed 12/5/06, effective 1/5/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220. WSR 06-11-162 and 06-12-020, § 181-01-002, filed 5/24/06 and 5/30/06, effective 6/24/06 and 6/30/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220 [(1)](c). WSR 04-24-049, § 181-01-002, filed 11/29/04, effective 12/30/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220. WSR 04-08-047, § 181-01-002, filed 4/1/04, effective 5/2/04.]

WAC 181-01-004 Case-by-case exception process for basic skills assessment. (1) The Washington professional educator standards board may permit exceptions from the basic skills assessment requirement under RCW 28A.410.220 (1) and (4) on a case-by-case basis.

(2) Consistent with the discretion accorded to the professional educator standards board under RCW 28A.410.220(4), the alternative assessments, equivalent assessments, exemptions and extensions provided for under chapter 181-01 WAC are the sole exceptions to the WEST-B assessment requirements.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW. WSR 20-23-030, § 181-01-004, filed 11/10/20, effective 12/11/20; WSR 20-04-083, § 181-01-004, filed 2/4/20, effective 3/6/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 07-09-058, § 181-01-004, filed 4/12/07, effective 5/13/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220(c). WSR 05-04-024, § 181-01-004, filed 1/25/05, effective 2/25/05.]