

**Chapter 181-79A WAC**  
**STANDARDS FOR TEACHER, ADMINISTRATOR, AND EDUCATIONAL STAFF ASSOCIATE**  
**CERTIFICATION**

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- 181-79A-299 Transition policies. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-299, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-299, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010 and 28A.305.130 (1) and (2). WSR 99-23-023, § 180-79A-299, filed 11/9/99, effective 12/10/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-299, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
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- 181-79A-302 Authorized endorsement for teachers. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-302, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 98-01-027, § 180-79A-302, filed 12/8/97, effective 1/8/98; WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-302, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-304 Minimum preparation for endorsements for teachers. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-304, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-304, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-304, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-304, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-306 Subject area endorsement recommendations by colleges and universities. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-306, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-306, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-306, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-308 Endorsement by examination. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-308, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 03-19-019, § 180-79A-308, filed 9/5/03, effective 10/6/03; WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-308, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-310 Subject area endorsements through SPI. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-310, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-310, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-312 Award of college or university credit hours for experience. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-312, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-312, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-315 In-service in lieu of college and university credit hours. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-315, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-315, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-315, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-317 Evaluation of in-service in lieu of college and university credit hours by PEAC. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-317, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-317, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-317, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-320 Agriculture education—Subject area endorsements. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-320, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-320, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-322 Anthropology—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-322, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-322, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-324 Art—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-324, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-324, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-326 Bilingual education—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-326, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR

97-04-088, § 180-79A-326, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

181-79A-328 Biology—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-328, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-328, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

181-79A-330 Business education—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-330, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-330, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

181-79A-332 Chemistry—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-332, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-332, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

181-79A-333 Comparative religion—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-333, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-333, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

181-79A-334 Instructional technology (formerly computer science)—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-334, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-334, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

181-79A-336 Designated foreign language—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-336, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-336, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

181-79A-338 Drama—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-338, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-338, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

181-79A-340 Early childhood education, regular—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-340, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 98-05-023, § 180-79A-340, filed 2/6/98, effective 3/9/98; WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-340, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

181-79A-342 Early childhood education, special education—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-342, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-342, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

181-79A-344 Earth science—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-344, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-344, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

181-79A-346 Economics—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-346, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-346, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

181-79A-348 Elementary education—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-348, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-348, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

181-79A-350 English—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-350, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-350, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

181-79A-352 English as a second language—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-352, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-352, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

181-79A-354 English/language arts—Broad subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-354, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-354, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

181-79A-356 Geography—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-356, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-356, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

181-79A-358 Health—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-358, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-358, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

181-79A-360 History—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-360, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-360, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

181-79A-362 Family and consumer sciences education (formerly home and family life education)—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-362, filed 12/29/05, effective



**WAC 181-79A-003 Authority.** The authority for this chapter is RCW 28A.410.010 which authorizes the professional educator standards board to establish, publish, and enforce rules and regulations determining eligibility for the certification of personnel employed in the common schools of this state. This authority is supplemented by RCW 28A.410.210(6) which authorizes the professional educator standards board to specify the types and kinds of certificates necessary for the several departments within the common schools. (Note: RCW 28A.195.010 (3)(a) requires most private school classroom teachers to hold appropriate state certification with few exceptions.)

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-003, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-003, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-003, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.]

## BACKGROUND

**WAC 181-79A-006 Purpose.** The purposes of this chapter are:

(1) To establish a performance-based certification system to be fully implemented for all teacher candidates applying for the residency certificate after August 31, 2000, and for all teacher candidates applying for the professional certificate after August 31, 2001. A performance-based certification system shall be fully implemented for all principals/program administrators applying for the residency certificate after August 31, 2004, and for all principal/program administrator candidates applying for the professional certificate after August 31, 2006. A performance-based professional certificate system shall be fully implemented for school psychologists and school counselors applying for the residency certificate after August 31, 2005, and for the professional certificate after August 31, 2007.

(2) To establish the various certificates which must be held as a condition to employment in the Washington school system. The performance-based certification system shall include the issuance of a residency certificate, a professional certificate, and other certificates which the professional educator standards board may add in the future.

(3) To establish the conditions and procedures governing issuance and retention of those and other certificates, including endorsements thereon.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 11-15-051, § 181-79A-006, filed 7/15/11, effective 8/15/11; WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-006, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-006, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 04-20-091, § 180-79A-006, filed 10/5/04, effective 11/5/04; WSR 00-03-048, § 180-79A-006, filed 1/14/00, effective 2/14/00. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-006, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.]

**WAC 181-79A-007 Public policy purposes of professional educator standards board performance-based certification system.** The policy purposes of professional educator standards board performance-based certification system are:

(1) To provide qualified educators for the emerging performance-based P-12 education system.

(2) To assure that practitioners are more directly involved in decisions related to professional practice.

(3) To recognize that there is a distinction between the level of competence of beginning educators and the competency of educators who have been able to demonstrate their competencies at a professional level.

(4) To assure that all educators demonstrate their competencies before attaining the status of a professional educator.

(5) To establish a certificate level that recognizes service at a high level of achievement.

(6) To establish a certification system that provides for continuing support and developmental assistance to individuals as they progress toward professional certification.

(7) To prepare educators who are able to assess their professional growth and achievement in light of their impact on student learning.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-007, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-007, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 00-03-048, § 180-79A-007, filed 1/14/00, effective 2/14/00. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-007, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.]

**WAC 181-79A-011 Knowledge and skill requirements of the performance-based certification system—Teachers.** Each of the knowledge and skills required for the preparation and certification of teachers shall relate to one or more of the following three standards that all teachers will be required to demonstrate: Effective teaching, professional development, and professional contributions. The emphasis in the preservice preparation programs shall be on effective teaching; the emphasis in the program for the professional certificate shall be divided among each of the three categories; during the remainder of the teacher's career, the emphasis should be on professional development and professional contributions.

[WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-011, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28 410.010 [28A.410.010]. WSR 05-15-054, § 180-79A-011, filed 7/12/05, effective 8/12/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-011, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.]

**WAC 181-79A-030 Definitions.** The following definitions shall apply to terms used in this chapter:

(1) The terms, "program approval," "endorsement," and "interstate compact," as defined in WAC 181-78A-010 shall apply to the provisions of this chapter.

(2) "Certificate" means the license issued by the superintendent of public instruction to teachers, administrators, and educational staff associates verifying that the individual has met the requirements set forth in this chapter.

(3) "Certificate renewal" means the process whereby the validity of a certificate, subject to expiration, is extended.

(4) "Certificate reinstatement" means the process whereby the validity of an expired certificate is regained.

(5) "Lapsed certificate" means a residency certificate that is subject to the timelines and renewal described under WAC 181-79A-251.

(6) "Expired certificate" means a teacher certificate that can only be reinstated under WAC 181-79A-251.

(7) "Classroom teaching" means instructing pupils in an instructional setting.

(8) "Approved baccalaureate degree" for the purpose of this chapter, means a baccalaureate from an accredited college or university in any of the subject areas of the endorsement listed in chapter 181-82 WAC as now or hereafter amended: Provided, That if a candidate is accepted into a program in Washington state on or before August 31, 2000, and completes the program on or before August 31, 2003, in accordance with WAC 181-79A-299, the candidate may hold a baccalaureate degree in any of the subject areas of the endorsements listed in WAC 181-79A-302. Such degrees shall require the completion of at least forty-five quarter hours (thirty semester hours) of course work in the subject area: Provided, That a candidate who holds a baccalaureate degree in another academic field will not be required to obtain a second baccalaureate degree if the candidate provides evidence to the superintendent of public instruction that he or she has completed the required forty-five quarter or thirty semester hours of course work in one of the subject areas of the endorsements listed in chapter 181-82 WAC: Provided further, That a candidate who holds a baccalaureate degree in early childhood education, elementary education, or special education will not be required to obtain a second baccalaureate degree if the candidate provides evidence to the superintendent of public instruction that he or she has completed thirty quarter or twenty semester credit hours in one academic field in an approved endorsement area pursuant to WAC 181-82A-202.

(9) "Issues of abuse course work requirement" means completion of course work or an in-service program on issues of abuse. The content shall discuss the identification of physical, emotional, sexual, and substance abuse; commercial sexual abuse of a minor, as defined in RCW 9.68A.100; sexual exploitation of a minor as defined in RCW 9.68A.040; information on the impact of abuse on the behavior and learning abilities of students; discussion of the responsibilities of a teacher to report abuse or provide assistance to students who are victims of abuse; and methods for teaching students about abuse of all types and their prevention. Additionally, content areas identified by the legislature in RCW 28A.410.035 shall be required in the issues of abuse course, including knowledge and skill standards pertaining to recognition, initial screening and response to emotional or behavioral distress in students including, but not limited to, indicators of possible substance abuse, violence and youth suicide.

(10) "Approved master's degree" for the purpose of this chapter, means a master's or doctorate degree from an accredited college or university.

(11) "Credit hour(s)" means credit (normally 100 level or above) awarded by an accredited institution of higher education.

(12) "Previous standards" means a certification system in place prior to a revision in rules that results in changed names and/or validity periods for the certificates issued.

(13) "Application for certification" means an application for a certificate or endorsement that includes a signed affidavit (as specified in WAC 181-79A-157) by the applicant. Such application shall be considered valid for two years from the date of receipt by the superintendent of public instruction, or its designee.

(14) "A positive impact on student learning" means that a teacher through instruction and assessment has been able to document students' increased knowledge and/or demonstration of a skill or skills related to the state goals and/or essential academic learning requirements: Provided, That teachers employed by private schools who are candidates for the professional teaching certificate shall document students' increased knowledge and/or demonstration of a skill or skills related to either:

(a) The state goals or essential academic learning requirements; or

(b) Such alternative learning goals as the private school has established.

(15) "Professional certificate support provider" means any organization or institution operating training or consulting services as a public entity or private company holding an appropriate business license.

(16) "Approved private school" means any organization of institution providing educational services to children including, but not limited to, approved private schools, state institutions, juvenile institutions, nonpublic agencies providing special education services, development centers, and bureau of Indian affairs schools.

(17) "College" or "university" means any accredited institution as defined in WAC 250-61-050.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 28A.410 and 28A.413 RCW. WSR 19-15-143, § 181-79A-030, filed 7/24/19, effective 8/24/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220. WSR 19-07-010, § 181-79A-030, filed 3/7/19, effective 4/7/19; WSR 18-08-064, § 181-79A-030, filed 4/2/18, effective 5/3/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 14-24-057, § 181-79A-030, filed 11/25/14, effective 12/26/14; WSR 13-20-026, § 181-79A-030, filed 9/23/13, effective 10/24/13; WSR 12-18-005, § 181-79A-030, filed 8/23/12, effective 9/23/12; WSR 10-16-124, § 181-79A-030, filed 8/3/10, effective 9/3/10; WSR 09-20-088, § 181-79A-030, filed 10/6/09, effective 11/6/09; WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-030, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-030, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 05-04-055, § 180-79A-030, filed 1/28/05, effective 2/28/05; WSR 04-04-011, § 180-79A-030, filed 1/23/04, effective 2/23/04; WSR 02-04-015, § 180-79A-030, filed 1/24/02, effective 2/24/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010, 28A.305.130 (1) and (2). WSR 01-03-153, § 180-79A-030, filed 1/24/01, effective 2/24/01; WSR 99-23-023, § 180-79A-030, filed 11/9/99, effective 12/10/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-030, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.]



**WAC 181-79A-105 Equivalency of standards.** Reasonable flexibility in interpretation of the requirements for certification may be applied consistent with the intent and spirit of the requirements of the appropriate chapter. An annual report of the use of this rule shall be submitted to the professional educator standards board by the superintendent of public instruction.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-105, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-105, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010 and 28A.305.130 (1) and (2). WSR 99-23-023, § 180-79A-105, filed 11/9/99, effective 12/10/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-105, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.]

**WAC 181-79A-110 Denial of application for certification or endorsement by approved professional preparation training institutions.** Any person whose application for certification or for an endorsement is denied by an institution of higher education within the state with an approved professional preparation program, after exhausting any appeal procedures established by such institution, may apply directly to the superintendent of public instruction for such certificate or endorsement.

[WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-110, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-110, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.]

**WAC 181-79A-115 Validity date.** The validity date of a certificate or permit shall be the actual date of issuance.

[WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-115, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-115, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.]

#### **GENERAL CERTIFICATION PROVISIONS**

**WAC 181-79A-117 Uniform expiration date.** (1) All certificates issued for one or more stated years shall expire on June 30 of the stated year and shall be calculated as follows:

(a) Certificates issued prior to June 30 of a calendar year, other than limited certificates issued pursuant to WAC 181-79A-231, shall have the expiration date of the certificate calculated on the basis such certificate was issued on June 30 of the same calendar year regardless of the date of issuance.

(b) Certificates issued July 1 or later in the calendar year, other than limited certificates issued pursuant to WAC 181-79A-231, shall have the expiration date of the certificate calculated on the basis such certificate was issued on June 30 of the next calendar year regardless of the date of issuance.

(c) All valid existing certificates scheduled to expire on August 31 of a given year shall be valid until June 30 of the following year.

(2) An applicant who holds a valid certificate, who submits an application for further certification prior to the expiration date of that certificate, and who meets all the requirements of WAC 181-79A-128, shall be granted a one hundred eighty-day permit as provided in chapter 181-79A WAC.

(3) Any educator in the National Guard, U.S. military branch reserves, or U.S. Coast Guard reserve who is called up to active duty by one of the U.S. military branches by order of an authorized agency or official of Washington state government, or by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for more than thirty consecutive days shall be granted an extension of the expiration date of his/her certificate. The extension shall be equal to the length of active duty service calculated to the next uniform expiration date.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-117, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-117, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010 and 28A.305.130. WSR 04-04-088, § 180-79A-117, filed 2/3/04, effective 3/5/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010 and 28A.305.130 (1) through (4). WSR 03-14-120, § 180-79A-117, filed 6/30/03, effective 7/31/03; WSR 02-04-018, § 180-79A-117, filed 1/24/02, effective 2/24/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-117, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 98-05-024, § 180-79A-117, filed 2/6/98, effective 3/9/98; WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-117, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.]

**WAC 181-79A-118 Expiration and lapse dates of certificates.** (1) Certificates scheduled to expire June 30, 2020, under WAC 181-79A-117, or scheduled to lapse June 30, 2020, under WAC 181-85-100, excluding residency certificates that are subject to reissuance, are scheduled to expire or lapse June 30, 2021.

(2) Certificates scheduled to expire June 30, 2020, under WAC 181-79A-117, or scheduled to lapse June 30, 2020, under WAC 181-85-100, may have already been renewed. For these renewed certificates, the expiration or lapse date will be calculated as if the certificate expiring June 30, 2020, had an expiration or lapse date of June 30, 2021.

(3) Applications for renewal of certificates scheduled to expire June 30, 2021, may be submitted at any point prior to the June 30, 2021, expiration date.

(4) Limited certificates under WAC 181-79A-231, 181-77-014, and 181-77-081 expire as described in those sections.

(5) Permits under WAC 181-01-001, 181-02-001, 181-79A-128, and 181-79A-224 expire as described in those sections. Permits for candidates eligible under those sections which expired beginning July 1, 2019, and before December 31, 2020, may be reissued once for one additional year.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW. WSR 20-16-032, § 181-79A-118, filed 7/25/20, effective 8/25/20.]

**WAC 181-79A-120 Certificate replacement.** The superintendent of public instruction shall issue a replacement certificate to any person who files an application, pays the appropriate certification fee, and

verifies by signature that the original certificate has been lost or destroyed or that a legal name change has occurred.

[WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-120, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-120, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.]

**WAC 181-79A-123 Certificates—Previous standards.** (1) Certificates issued under previous standards which were issued for a specific term shall continue to be effective for that term.

(2) Certificates issued under standards prior to September 1, 2000, which were issued for an indefinite period shall continue to be in effect.

(3) All persons who hold any standard teacher, administrator, or specialized personnel certificate issued under previous standards of the professional educator standards board shall be issued a continuing certificate at such time as it is necessary for them to reissue a standard certificate or on application and payment of the fee as specified in WAC 181-79A-130.

(4) Any person who holds a provisional principal's or provisional superintendent's certificate under previous standards of the professional educator standards board shall be issued upon application, including payment of applicable fees, a continuing administrator's certificate for the appropriate role and such certificates shall be subject to the continuing education requirements of chapter 181-85 WAC.

(5) Any person holding a provisional certificate as a school nurse under provisions of chapter 180-84 WAC shall be granted a continuing certificate.

(6) All persons who hold a valid initial certificate granted under previous standards of the professional educator standards board shall be authorized to meet requirements for continuing certification as set forth in the relevant previous standards except as noted below in subsections (7), (8) or (9) of this section.

(7) Any person with a valid initial teacher's certificate granted under previous standards of the professional educator standards board may renew that certificate once after August 31, 2000. The individual shall meet requirements for and apply for the continuing certificate by the expiration date on the renewed certificate or meet requirements for the residency certificate for further certification: Provided, That any person who qualified for initial renewal or continuing certificate under the provisions of WAC 181-79A-250 (1)(a) prior to their expiration date, but whose initial certificate expired after August 31, 2000, because they applied for certification too late, may apply once for such renewal or continuing certificate and will be issued such certificate.

(8) Any person with a valid initial administrator certificate granted under previous standards of the professional educator standards board shall meet requirements for and apply for the continuing certificate by the expiration date on the initial certificate or meet requirements for the residency certificate for further certification: Provided, That any person who qualified for a continuing certificate under the provisions of WAC 181-79A-250 (1)(b) prior to their expiration date, but whose initial certificate expired after June 30, 2004, because they applied for certification too late, may apply for such continuing certificate and will be issued such certificate.

(9) Any person with a valid initial ESA certificate granted under previous standards of the professional educator standards board shall meet requirements for and apply for the continuing certificate by the expiration date on the initial certificate or meet requirements for the residency certificate for further certification: Provided, That any person who qualified for a continuing certificate under the provisions of WAC 181-79A-250 (1)(c) prior to their expiration date, but whose initial certificate expired after June 30, 2005, because they applied for certification too late, may apply for such continuing certificate and will be issued such certificate.

(10)(a) Any person with a valid residency ESA school social work certificate may meet requirements for and apply for the continuing certificate by the expiration date on the residency certificate.

(b) Residency ESA school social worker certificate holders have no residency renewal or professional certificate options and may apply for an initial ESA conversion or continuing ESA certificate under requirements in place at time of application submission.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 28A.410 and 28A.413 RCW. WSR 19-15-110, § 181-79A-123, filed 7/22/19, effective 8/22/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 11-15-051, § 181-79A-123, filed 7/15/11, effective 8/15/11; WSR 10-16-124, § 181-79A-123, filed 8/3/10, effective 9/3/10; WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-123, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-123, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 05-23-043, § 180-79A-123, filed 11/9/05, effective 12/10/05; WSR 05-15-050, § 180-79A-123, filed 7/12/05, effective 8/12/05; WSR 00-09-048, § 180-79A-123, filed 4/14/00, effective 5/15/00. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-123, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.]

**WAC 181-79A-124 Application for certification.** An individual who applies for a Washington state certificate, unless seeking reinstatement pursuant to WAC 181-79A-253 or renewal pursuant to WAC 181-79A-127 or unless otherwise stipulated by the provisions of WAC 181-79A-123 must meet the requirements in effect at the time of application.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-124, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-124, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010, 28A.305.130 (1) and (2). WSR 01-03-153, § 180-79A-124, filed 1/24/01, effective 2/24/01. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-124, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.]

**WAC 181-79A-127 Renewal of certificate.** A holder of a certificate subject to expiration may renew such certificate subject to the rules in effect at the time of such renewal, unless otherwise stipulated by the provisions of WAC 181-79A-123.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-127, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-127, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.010.410. WSR 03-15-121, § 180-79A-127, filed 7/22/03, effective 8/22/03.]

tive 8/22/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-127, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.]

**WAC 181-79A-128 Temporary permits.** Temporary permits may be issued by the superintendent of public instruction and designated agents under the following conditions:

(1) Temporary permits may be issued under this section to those persons who have filed an application for a certificate; who, based on available documentation, including affidavits or other evidence that appears reliable which substantiates the existence of missing documentation, appear to have completed all requirements for certification; and who do not disclose any information which indicates that such applicant fails to meet the character requirement of WAC 181-79A-150(2).

(2) An individual may apply for a permit directly to the superintendent of public instruction or designated agents—i.e., educational service districts or Washington state institutions of higher education.

(3) A permit entitles the holder to serve as a teacher, educational staff associate or administrator consistent with the endorsement(s) on his/her permit.

(4) A permit is valid for up to one year unless prior to the expiration date the superintendent of public instruction determines the applicant is ineligible to receive a valid certificate or endorsement. In such cases, the temporary permit shall expire on the date notice of cancellation is received by the applicant and/or the employer.

(5) The temporary permit may be reissued only upon demonstration that the applicant has made a good faith effort to secure the missing documentation; provided, that an individual affected by WAC 181-79A-132 may obtain one additional permit to meet additional endorsement requirements.

(6) Issuing authority. The superintendent of public instruction either directly or through a designated agent shall issue all permits and shall provide institutions of higher education and educational service districts with forms and instructions relevant to application for a permit.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 17-07-040, § 181-79A-128, filed 3/8/17, effective 4/8/17; WSR 15-14-065, § 181-79A-128, filed 6/26/15, effective 7/27/15; WSR 15-04-014, § 181-79A-128, filed 1/23/15, effective 2/23/15; WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-128, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-128, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-128, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.]

**WAC 181-79A-130 Fees for certificates.** (1) Under provisions of RCW 28A.410.060 and 28A.415.010, the fee for certificates that are valid for more than one year, issued by authority of the state of Washington and authorizing the holder to serve in the common schools of the state, shall be as follows:

(a) The first issue of the residency certificate, five dollars for each year of validity;

(b) The continuing certificate, seventy dollars;

(c) The reinstatement, additional endorsement on the teaching certificate, substitute certificates, fifteen dollars;

(d) The first peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions teacher certificate, twenty-five dollars;

(e) All career and technical education certificates, one dollar;

(f) Any other certificate or credential or any renewal thereof, five dollars for each year of validity; and

(g) A one-time late fee for a renewed initial or continuing certificate issued under the provisions of WAC 181-79A-123 (7), (8), or (9) for those whose initial certificate had already expired shall be one hundred dollars.

(2) The fee for any other certificate or credential, or for any renewal thereof, issued by the authority of the state of Washington and authorizing the holder to serve in the common schools of the state, shall be five dollars.

(3) Officials authorized to collect certificate fees are educational service district superintendents, deans and directors of education at colleges and universities, or their designees. Sovereign tribal governments may collect certificate fees for first peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions certificates. The fee must accompany the application for a certificate and shall be transmitted by the receiving district, college or university, sovereign tribal government or program unit designee at least quarterly to the educational service district within which the application is filed for disposition in accordance with provisions of RCW 28A.410.060 or to the office of the superintendent of public instruction.

(4) Beginning September 1, 2013, the office of the superintendent of public instruction may collect certificate fees.

(5) The fee shall not be refunded unless the application is withdrawn before it is finally considered (i.e., the issuance of a certificate or a written communication denying such issuance) by the superintendent of public instruction or his or her designee.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW. WSR 20-12-064, § 181-79A-130, filed 6/1/20, effective 7/2/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 14-11-076, § 181-79A-130, filed 5/20/14, effective 6/20/14; WSR 13-20-027, § 181-79A-130, filed 9/23/13, effective 10/24/13; WSR 08-12-055, § 181-79A-130, filed 6/2/08, effective 7/3/08; WSR 08-03-100, § 181-79A-130, filed 1/20/08, effective 2/20/08; WSR 07-12-006, § 181-79A-130, filed 5/24/07, effective 6/24/07; WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-130, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-130, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 05-23-043, § 180-79A-130, filed 11/9/05, effective 12/10/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010 and 28A.305.130. WSR 05-15-024, § 180-79A-130, filed 7/7/05, effective 8/7/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010 and 28A.305.130 (1) through (4). WSR 02-04-018, § 180-79A-130, filed 1/24/02, effective 2/24/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 01-09-005, § 180-79A-130, filed 4/5/01, effective 5/6/01; WSR 00-03-048, § 180-79A-130, filed 1/14/00, effective 2/14/00; WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-130, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.]

**WAC 181-79A-131 Use of certificate fees.** (1) Under RCW 28A.410.060, certificate fees will be used solely for one or more of the following:

(a) Precertificate preparation;

- (b) Program evaluation; or
- (c) Professional in-service training programs.

(2) Precertificate preparation, program evaluation, and professional in-service training programs:

(a) The primary utilization shall be to support collaborative efforts essential to precertificate preparation, program development, program evaluation, and professional learning related to educator preparation and in-service educator development, including assessment of candidate competency.

(b) Funds set aside for precertificate preparation, program evaluation, and professional in-service training programs shall not supplant funds already available to any participating agency.

(c) The office of the superintendent of public instruction may be designated to administer the funds allocated for the purposes described in this section per RCW 28A.410.200(7).

(3) Allowable expenditures. Funds may be used to support costs related to the purposes described in this section, such as the payment of professional contractual services, per diem, travel costs, materials, printing, or released time. Nonallowable costs are college or university tuition and fees.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW. WSR 20-12-064, § 181-79A-131, filed 6/1/20, effective 7/2/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 13-20-027, § 181-79A-131, filed 9/23/13, effective 10/24/13; WSR 08-12-055, § 181-79A-131, filed 6/2/08, effective 7/3/08; WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-131, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-131, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 and 28A.410.010. WSR 02-18-037, § 180-79A-131, filed 8/26/02, effective 9/26/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-131, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.]

**WAC 181-79A-132 Dual endorsement requirement.** Per WAC 181-82A-215, all teachers are required to hold at least one endorsement, provided, a teacher who obtains a special education, early childhood special education, bilingual education, or English language learner endorsement after September 1, 2019, must earn and/or hold a second endorsement in another endorsement area that may be earned at the preresidency level. Special education, early childhood special education, bilingual education, English language learner, and traffic safety do not qualify as the other endorsement area. Provided, that individuals applying for a Washington state teacher certificate that have completed an out-of-state teacher preparation program may have two years in which to add the second endorsement.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220. WSR 18-08-025, § 181-79A-132, filed 3/26/18, effective 4/26/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 14-24-005, § 181-79A-132, filed 11/19/14, effective 12/20/14.]

**WAC 181-79A-134 Use of certificate fees for professional in-service training programs.** In addition to the uses described in WAC 181-79A-131, certificate fees will be used as described in this section to support professional in-service training programs.

(1) Beginning with the state fiscal year 2015, the professional educator standards board shall biennially issue a request for proposal to eligible in-service education agencies per WAC 181-85-045 to submit applications for funds for the purpose of offering in-service continuing education provided per reporting requirements published by the board.

(2) Cooperative agreements may be made among educational service districts to provide quality in-service education programs.

(3) Funds designated for in-service programs shall not supplant funds already available for such programs.

(4) Allowable expenditures. Funds may be used to support costs related to professional learning and growth, such as the payment of professional contractual services, per diem, travel costs, materials, printing, or released time. Nonallowable costs are college or university tuition and fees.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW. WSR 20-12-064, § 181-79A-134, filed 6/1/20, effective 7/2/20.]

### TYPES AND LEVELS OF CERTIFICATES

**WAC 181-79A-140 Types of certificates.** The following types of certificates shall be issued:

(1) **Teacher.** The teacher certificate authorizes service as a classroom teacher.

(2) **Career and technical education.** The career and technical education certificate authorizes service in career and technical education programs in accordance with chapter 181-77 WAC.

(3) **First people's language/culture.** The first peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions teacher certificate authorizes service in accordance with WAC 181-78A-700.

(4) **Administrator.**

(a) The administrator certificate for principal authorizes services as a building administrator or assistant principal.

(b) The administrator certificates for superintendent or program administrator will be issued to persons who meet professional educator standards board certification standards for service in the roles of superintendent or program administrator.

(5) **Educational staff associate.** The educational staff associate certificate authorizes service in the roles of school speech pathologists or audiologists, school counselors, school nurses, school occupational therapists, school physical therapists, school psychologists, school social workers, and school behavior analysts. Nothing within chapter 181-79A WAC authorizes professional practice by an educational staff associate which is otherwise prohibited or restricted by any other law, including licensure statutes and rules and regulations adopted by the appropriate licensure board or agency.

(6) **Limited certificates.** The following limited certificates are issued to individuals in accordance with WAC 181-79A-231:

(a) Conditional certificate.

(b) Emergency substitute certificate.

(c) Intern substitute teacher certificate.

(d) Transitional certificate.

(7) **Substitute certificate.** The substitute certificate is issued to individuals in accordance with WAC 181-79A-232.



[Statutory Authority: Chapters 28A.410 and 28A.413 RCW. WSR 19-15-110, § 181-79A-140, filed 7/22/19, effective 8/22/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220. WSR 18-21-072, § 181-79A-140, filed 10/11/18, effective 11/11/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 12-02-025, § 181-79A-140, filed 12/28/11, effective 1/28/12; WSR 08-08-028, § 181-79A-140, filed 3/24/08, effective 4/24/08; WSR 07-04-003, § 181-79A-140, filed 1/24/07, effective 2/24/07; WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-140, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-140, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 and 28A.410.010. WSR 04-20-092, § 180-79A-140, filed 10/5/04, effective 11/5/04; WSR 02-18-037, § 180-79A-140, filed 8/26/02, effective 9/26/02; WSR 02-13-027, § 180-79A-140, filed 6/12/02, effective 7/13/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010 and 28A.305.130 (1) through (4). WSR 02-04-018, § 180-79A-140, filed 1/24/02, effective 2/24/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 00-13-063, § 180-79A-140, filed 6/16/00, effective 7/17/00. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010 and 28A.305.130 (1) and (2). WSR 99-23-023, § 180-79A-140, filed 11/9/99, effective 12/10/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-140, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-140, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.]

**WAC 181-79A-145 Levels and validity of certificates.** Two levels of certification may be issued.

(1) **Initial and continuing certificates:** Teachers with program completion dates through August 31, 2000, administrators with program completion dates through August 31, 2004, and educational staff associates with program completion dates through August 31, 2005, will be issued the following levels of certificates. Initial and continuing teachers' certificates after August 31, 2000, initial and continuing principal and program administrator certificates after August 31, 2004, and initial and continuing school counselor and school psychologist certificates after August 31, 2005, will be issued only to previous Washington certificate holders, under WAC 181-79A-123.

(a) **Initial certificate.**

(i) The initial teacher certificate is valid for four years; the initial administrator certificates are valid for seven years; and the initial educational staff associate certificates are valid for five years. Initial teacher certificates shall be subject to renewal under WAC 181-79A-250(1) and 181-79A-123. Initial administrator certificates shall not be subject to renewal. Beginning September 1, 2020, initial educational staff associate certificates in the roles of school nurse, school occupational therapist, school physical therapist, school speech language pathologist or audiologist, school social worker, and school behavior analyst are subject to renewal.

(ii) Initial administrator and educational staff associate certificate holders shall be issued a continuing certificate if they meet the requirements for such certificate. Initial principal and program administrator certificate holders, and initial school counselor and school psychologist certificate holders shall be issued a residency certificate if their initial certificate has expired or they do not meet the requirements for a continuing certificate.

(b) **Continuing certificate.** The continuing certificate is valid on a continuing basis as specified in WAC 181-79A-250(2).

(2) **Residency and professional certificates:** Teachers, administrators, and educational staff associates with program completion dates commencing with the dates indicated below will be issued the following levels of certificates:

(a) **Residency certificate.** The residency certificate will be issued to teachers beginning September 1, 2000, to principal/program administrators beginning September 1, 2004, and to educational staff associate school counselors and school psychologists no later than September 1, 2005.

(b) Until September 1, 2017, the first issue of a residency certificate for principals, program administrators, and educational staff associates shall be valid until the holder has completed two consecutive years of successful service in the role in Washington with a school district, state-approved private school, or state agency that provides educational services for students. When the principal, program administrator, or educational staff associate completes two consecutive years of successful service in the role in the state with the same employer, their residency certificate will be reissued with a five-year expiration date; provided, that the second consecutive year of successful service in the role will be considered to be complete for purposes of reissuance if a contract for the third such year has been signed and returned to the employer. Prior to the expiration date, the candidate must earn a professional certificate or meet residency renewal requirements under WAC 181-79A-250.

(c) Beginning September 1, 2017, the first issue of a residency certificate for principals, program administrators, and educational staff associates shall be valid until the holder has completed two years of successful service in the role in Washington with a school district, state-approved private school, or state agency that provides educational services for students, at which time their residency certificate will be reissued with a five-year expiration date. Prior to the expiration date, the candidate must meet residency renewal requirements or earn a second-tier certificate for the role under WAC 181-79A-250.

(d) A first issue residency teacher certificate remains undated until the teacher has two years of successful experience under WAC 181-79A-206, at which time the residency certificate is dated for five years as verified by the certification office of the office of superintendent of public instruction. Prior to the expiration date, the candidate must earn a professional certificate or meet residency renewal requirements under WAC 181-79A-251.

(e) **Professional certificate.** The professional certificate will be issued to teachers beginning September 1, 2001, to principals/program administrators beginning September 1, 2007, and to educational staff associate school counselors and school psychologists beginning September 1, 2007. The professional certificate is valid for five years and shall be subject to renewal under chapter 181-79A WAC. A professional teacher's certificate based on the possession of a valid teacher's certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards under WAC 181-79A-257 or 181-79A-206 shall be valid for five years or until the expiration of the National Board Certificate, whichever is greater. A professional educational staff associate certificate for school counselors based on the possession of a valid school counselor's certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards National Board Certification under WAC 181-79A-257 or 181-79A-206 shall be valid for five years or until the expiration of the National Board Certificate, whichever is greater.

(3) **First peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions certificates:** The first peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions certificate will be issued beginning in January 2007. The first peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions certificate is valid for five years and shall be subject to renewal under WAC 181-79A-252.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 28A.410 and 28A.413 RCW. WSR 19-15-110, § 181-79A-145, filed 7/22/19, effective 8/22/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220. WSR 17-23-176, § 181-79A-145, filed 11/21/17, effective 12/22/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 12-02-027, § 181-79A-145, filed 12/28/11, effective 1/28/12; WSR 11-12-032, § 181-79A-145, filed 5/25/11, effective 6/25/11; WSR 10-16-124, § 181-79A-145, filed 8/3/10, effective 9/3/10; WSR 08-03-100, § 181-79A-145, filed 1/20/08, effective 2/20/08; WSR 07-20-047, § 181-79A-145, filed 9/26/07, effective 10/27/07; WSR 07-12-006, § 181-79A-145, filed 5/24/07, effective 6/24/07; WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-145, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-145, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 05-23-042, § 180-79A-145, filed 11/9/05, effective 12/10/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010 and 28A.305.130. WSR 05-15-023, § 180-79A-145, filed 7/7/05, effective 8/7/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.401.010 [28A.410.010]. WSR 04-21-040, § 180-79A-145, filed 10/15/04, effective 11/15/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 and 28A.410.010. WSR 02-18-037, § 180-79A-145, filed 8/26/02, effective 9/26/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 01-09-004, § 180-79A-145, filed 4/5/01, effective 5/6/01; WSR 00-03-048, § 180-79A-145, filed 1/14/00, effective 2/14/00. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-145, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.]

### **GENERAL CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

**WAC 181-79A-150 General requirements—Teachers, administrators, educational staff associates and first peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions teachers.** The following requirements are to be met by candidates for certification as teachers including career and technical education teachers, administrators, educational staff associates, or first peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions teachers:

(1) Age. No person who is less than eighteen years of age shall receive a certificate to serve in the public or nonpublic schools of Washington state.

(2) Character. Applicants for certificates in Washington state who are not holders of a valid Washington state teacher's, administrator's, educational staff associate's, career and technical education, or first peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions teacher's certificate must give evidence of good moral character and personal fitness as specified in WAC 181-79A-155 and must complete a record check through the Washington state patrol criminal identification system and through the Federal Bureau of Investigation at the applicant's expense as required by RCW 28A.410.010; such record check shall include a fingerprint check using a Washington state patrol approved

fingerprint card: Provided, That the superintendent of public instruction may waive the record check for an applicant who has had a record check within the two years prior to application.

(3) Degrees and course work. A candidate for certification shall hold appropriate degrees, licenses, and additional course work as prescribed in chapters 181-79A and 181-77 WAC or have qualified under WAC 181-79A-257 or 181-78A-700.

(4) Approved preparation program. Applicants for certification as teachers, administrators, school counselors, and school psychologists, except as otherwise provided in WAC 181-79A-257, and 181-79A-231, and in chapter 181-77 WAC, in order to be certified within the state of Washington shall have completed a state approved preparation program in the professional field for which certification is to be issued; such program shall have included a defined course of study and a supervised internship as per chapter 181-78A WAC. Applicants for certification as first peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions teachers shall have completed a sovereign tribal government's first peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions teaching certification program.

(5) Assessments. See RCW 28A.410.220.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220. WSR 18-19-085, § 181-79A-150, filed 9/18/18, effective 10/19/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 11-15-038, § 181-79A-150, filed 7/13/11, effective 8/13/11; WSR 08-03-100, § 181-79A-150, filed 1/20/08, effective 2/20/08; WSR 07-12-006, § 181-79A-150, filed 5/24/07, effective 6/24/07; WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-150, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-150, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 and 28A.410.010. WSR 02-18-037, § 180-79A-150, filed 8/26/02, effective 9/26/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010 and 28A.305.130 (1) through (4). WSR 02-04-018, § 180-79A-150, filed 1/24/02, effective 2/24/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010 and 28A.305.130 (1) and (2). WSR 99-23-023, § 180-79A-150, filed 11/9/99, effective 12/10/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-150, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 98-01-030, § 180-79A-150, filed 12/8/97, effective 1/8/98; WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-150, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.]

**WAC 181-79A-155 Good moral character and personal fitness—Necessary supporting evidence by applicants.** All applicants for certification shall submit the following:

(1) An affidavit from the applicant indicating that he or she has not been convicted of any crime or a complete disclosure of all arrests and subsequent dispositions of such arrests. In the event of a conviction for any arrest, the applicant shall state reasons why such conviction does not reflect adversely on the requirement to possess good moral character and be personally fit.

(2) An affidavit from the applicant that he or she has no history of serious behavioral problems or a complete disclosure of the nature and status of all such problems, including the names and addresses of health practitioners who have treated the applicant within the past ten years and an executed consent form permitting the superintendent of public instruction to contact and consult with such health practi-

tioners and for such health practitioners to fully disclose medical information related to such behavioral problems.

(3) An affidavit from the dean of the college or school of education or one or more officials designated by such dean, or, if none, by the college or university president, where the applicant completed his or her approved preparation program, that indicates that a designated college or university official has contacted several faculty members who personally know or knew the applicant and has no knowledge of any relevant information related to the applicant's character or fitness that would adversely affect the applicant's ability to serve in a certificated role or a statement from such affiant of the reasons why it is not possible to make such an affidavit.

(4) If the affidavit described in subsection (3) of this section is impossible or impractical to obtain, the applicant shall submit to the superintendent of public instruction the following:

(a) A complete employment history, including the names, addresses, and phone numbers of the immediate supervisor of such applicant when an employee; and

(b) The names, addresses, and phone numbers of three character references who are not related to the applicant.

(5) If the applicant holds or has held a certificate in any other state, such applicant shall prepare one of the following affidavits for each such state:

(a) An affidavit that such certificate has not been suspended, surrendered, or revoked. The superintendent of public instruction shall determine the status of certificates held by applicants in any other state to find if such certificates have been suspended, surrendered or revoked.

(b) An affidavit which shall fully disclose the reasons for the suspension, surrender, or revocation of the certificate. Such affidavit shall be submitted directly to the superintendent of public instruction.

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**WAC 181-79A-157 Affidavits from applicants.** An individual's application for certification shall be signed under oath that the statements therein are true and correct. The application if not notarized by a notary public must conform with the formalities prescribed in RCW 9A.72.085. In addition, the application shall state that any knowingly false statement therein is punishable under perjury laws of the state of Washington.

Whenever this chapter requires an applicant or certificate holder to file an affidavit, it shall be in the same form as above.

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**WAC 181-79A-158 Requirements for providing contact information.**

Educators holding certificates shall provide a current mailing address to the superintendent of public instruction. Beginning September, 2010, any change of address shall be communicated to the same office within sixty days.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 10-20-004, § 181-79A-158, filed 9/22/10, effective 10/23/10.]

**SPECIFIC CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR INITIAL/RESIDENCY AND CONTINUING/PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES**

**WAC 181-79A-206 Academic and experience requirements for certification—Teachers.** Candidates for teachers' certificates shall complete the following requirements in addition to those set forth in WAC 181-79A-150.

(1) Initial/residency.

Candidates for the initial or residency certificate shall hold an approved baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university pursuant to WAC 181-79A-030(5).

(2) Continuing.

(a) Candidates who apply for a continuing certificate shall have at least forty-five quarter hours (thirty semester hours) of upper division and/or graduate work completed from an accredited institution of higher education subsequent to the conferral of the baccalaureate degree: Provided, That if the individual is pursuing study in a new subject matter area or specialization, lower division (freshmen or sophomore level) credit hours in that subject area or specialization shall be accepted toward continuing certification upon completion of the requirements for an endorsement in that subject area or specialization.

(b) Candidates applying for a continuing certificate prior to September 1, 2000, shall have been granted at least two subject area endorsements.

(c) Candidates who apply for a continuing certificate who have not successfully completed course work or an in-service program on issues of abuse, must complete the abuse course work requirement as defined in WAC 181-79A-030(6).

(d) Candidates for continuing teachers' certificates shall provide documentation of one hundred eighty days or full-time equivalent or more satisfactory teaching experience with an authorized employer—i.e., school district, state agency, college or university, private school, or private school system—and at least thirty days of such employment with the same employer.

(3) Professional.

(a) Candidates for the professional certificate shall have successfully completed the external portfolio of evidence assessment adopted by the professional educator standards board. The professional certificate requires successful demonstration of the three standards (effective teaching, professional development, and professional contributions) and twelve criteria, pursuant to WAC 181-79A-207.

(i) A candidate may submit a portfolio of evidence to the external assessment for evaluation following two years of successful teaching in a state-approved public, private or state operated education

program for children as defined in Title 28A RCW: Provided, the candidate was employed at least three-quarters time each year or a total of one and one-half full-time equivalent over a minimum of two years as defined in WAC 392-121-212. The portfolio assessment elements shall be determined by the professional educator standards board and include requirements for the candidates to prepare and submit a professional growth plan approved and supported by a professional growth team.

(ii) A professional growth plan identifying the specific competencies, knowledge, skills and experiences needed to meet the standards set forth in WAC 181-79A-207 is prepared by the candidate for a professional certificate, in collaboration with members of the professional growth team. The candidate will identify a professional growth team as defined in WAC 181-79A-030(14).

(iii) Teacher professional certificate portfolio evidence of assessment pilot participants who have not attended a program but received a "met criteria" on all entries submitted to the pilot assessment would receive the professional certificate and not be required to attend a program.

(b) Provided, individuals who hold a teaching certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) shall be deemed to have met the requirements of the professional certificate, in place of the requirements in (a) of this subsection.

(c) Candidates who apply for a professional certificate who have not successfully completed course work or an in-service program on issues of abuse, must complete the abuse course work requirement as defined in WAC 181-79A-030(6).

(d) Candidates who have successfully completed the requirements for the professional certificate prior to the expiration of their residency certificate which would subject them to reinstatement according to WAC 181-79A-251 (1)(a)(iii) but failed to apply for the certificate may apply for the professional certificate.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220. WSR 17-23-176, § 181-79A-206, filed 11/21/17, effective 12/22/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 12-11-100, § 181-79A-206, filed 5/21/12, effective 6/21/12; WSR 09-20-088, § 181-79A-206, filed 10/6/09, effective 11/6/09; WSR 09-12-129, § 181-79A-206, filed 6/3/09, effective 7/4/09; WSR 08-16-003, § 181-79A-206, filed 7/23/08, effective 8/23/08; WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-206, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-206, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 04-04-011, § 180-79A-206, filed 1/23/04, effective 2/23/04; WSR 02-14-111, § 180-79A-206, filed 7/2/02, effective 8/2/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010, 28A.305.130 (1) and (2). WSR 01-03-153, § 180-79A-206, filed 1/24/01, effective 2/24/01. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 00-03-048, § 180-79A-206, filed 1/14/00, effective 2/14/00. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-206, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.]

**WAC 181-79A-207 Standards for teachers with professional certification.** (1) A successful candidate for the teacher professional certificate shall demonstrate:

(a) The knowledge and skills for effective teaching which ensure student learning by:

- (i) Using instructional strategies that make learning meaningful and show positive impact on student learning;
  - (ii) Using a variety of assessment strategies and data to monitor and improve instruction;
  - (iii) Using appropriate classroom management principles, processes and practices to foster a safe, positive, student-focused learning environment;
  - (iv) Designing and/or adapting challenging curriculum that is based on the diverse needs of each student;
  - (v) Demonstrating cultural sensitivity in teaching and in relationships with students, families, and community members;
  - (vi) Integrating technology into instruction and assessment; and
  - (vii) Informing, involving, and collaborating with families and community members as partners in each student's educational process including using information about student achievement and performance.
- (b) A successful candidate for the professional certificate shall demonstrate the knowledge and skills for professional development by:
- (i) Evaluating the effects of his/her teaching through feedback and reflection;
  - (ii) Using professional standards and district criteria to assess professional performance, and plan and implement appropriate growth activities; and
  - (iii) Remaining current in subject area(s), theories, practice, research and ethical practice.
- (c) A successful candidate for the professional certificate shall demonstrate professional contributions to the improvement of the school, community, and the profession by:
- (i) Advocating for curriculum, instruction, and learning environments that meet the diverse needs of each student; and
  - (ii) Participating collaboratively in school improvement activities and contributing to collegial decision making.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 09-20-088, § 181-79A-207, filed 10/6/09, effective 11/6/09.]

**WAC 181-79A-211 Academic and experience requirements for certification—Administrators.** Candidates for the respective administrative certificate shall complete the following requirements in addition to those set forth in WAC 181-79A-150 and 181-79A-213.

- (1) Superintendent.
  - (a) Initial.
    - (i) The candidate shall hold an approved master's degree and have completed subsequent to the baccalaureate degree at least forty-five quarter credit hours (thirty semester credit hours) of graduate level course work in education.
    - (ii) The candidate shall hold or have held a valid teacher, educational staff associate, program administrator or principal certificate; excluding certificates issued under WAC 181-79A-231, or comparable out-of-state certificates.
  - (b) Continuing.
    - (i) The candidate shall hold an approved master's degree and have completed subsequent to the baccalaureate degree at least sixty quarter credit hours (forty semester credit hours) of graduate level course work in education or shall hold a doctorate in education.



(ii) The candidate shall hold or have held a valid teacher, educational staff associate, program administrator or principal certificate; excluding certificates issued under WAC 181-79A-231, or comparable out-of-state certificates.

(iii) Candidates applying for continuing superintendent's certificate shall provide documentation of one hundred eighty days or full-time equivalent or more employment in the respective role with an authorized employer—i.e., school district, educational service district, state agency, college or university, private school, or private school system—and at least thirty days of such employment with the same employer.

(2) Principal.

(a) Residency.

(i) The candidate shall hold an approved master's degree.

(ii) The candidate shall have completed an approved program for the preparation of principals.

(iii) The candidate shall have three years of documented successful school-based experience in an instructional role with students; provided, candidates who were enrolled in an approved principal program prior to July 1, 2013, are not subject to the three-year minimum experience requirement.

(iv) The candidate shall hold or have held:

(A) A valid teacher's certificate, excluding certificates issued under WAC 181-79A-231; or

(B) A valid education staff associate certificate, excluding certificates issued under WAC 181-79A-231.

(v) Persons whose teacher of educational staff associate certificates were revoked, suspended or surrendered are not eligible for principals certificates.

(b) Continuing.

(i) The candidate shall hold a valid initial principal's certificate, an approved master's degree and shall have completed at least fifteen quarter (ten semester) credit hours of graduate course work offered by a college or university with a state approved principal program or one hundred fifty clock hours of study, which meet the state continuing education clock hour criteria pursuant to chapter 181-85 WAC, or a combination of credits and clock hours equivalent to the above. Such study shall:

(A) Be based on the principal performance domains included in WAC 181-78A-270 (2)(a) or (b);

(B) Be taken subsequent to the issuance of the initial principal's certificate; and

(C) Be determined in consultation with and approved by the candidate's employer or the administrator of a state approved principal preparation program.

(ii) Provided, That a candidate who held a valid initial principal's certificate on August 31, 1998, may meet the academic requirement for the continuing certificate described in WAC 181-79A-211 (2)(c)(i), if the candidate meets requirements for and applies for the continuing certificate by the expiration date on that initial certificate.

(iii) The candidate must meet requirements for a principal's certificate pursuant to WAC 181-79A-150(4).

(iv) Candidates applying for the continuing principal's certificate shall provide documentation of three contracted school years of full-time employment as a principal or assistant principal.

(c) Professional certificate.

(i) The candidate shall have completed an approved professional certificate program by September 2018.

(ii) The candidate shall have documentation of three contracted school years of employment as a principal or assistant principal.

(3) Program administrator.

(a) Initial.

The candidate shall hold an approved master's degree and have completed subsequent to the baccalaureate degree at least twenty-four quarter credit hours (sixteen semester credit hours) of graduate level course work in education.

(b) Residency certificate.

The candidate shall hold an approved master's degree and have completed an approved program for the preparation of program administrators.

(c) Continuing.

(i) The candidate shall hold a valid initial program administrator's certificate, an approved master's degree and have completed subsequent to the baccalaureate degree at least thirty quarter credit hours (twenty semester credit hours) of graduate level course work in education or shall hold a doctorate in education.

(ii) Candidates applying for continuing program administrator's certificate shall provide documentation of one hundred eighty days or full-time equivalent or more employment in the respective role with an authorized employer—i.e., school district, educational service district, state agency, college or university, private school, or private school system—and at least thirty days of such employment with the same employer.

(d) Professional certificate.

The candidate shall have completed an approved professional certificate program by September 2018.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220. WSR 18-08-025, § 181-79A-211, filed 3/26/18, effective 4/26/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 17-15-135, § 181-79A-211, filed 7/19/17, effective 8/19/17; WSR 13-11-081, § 181-79A-211, filed 5/17/13, effective 6/17/13; WSR 11-15-038, § 181-79A-211, filed 7/13/11, effective 8/13/11; WSR 09-12-056, § 181-79A-211, filed 5/28/09, effective 6/28/09; WSR 08-15-141, § 181-79A-211, filed 7/22/08, effective 8/22/08; WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-211, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-211, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06; WSR 05-23-041, § 180-79A-211, filed 11/9/05, effective 12/10/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 and 28A.410.010. WSR 02-18-037, § 180-79A-211, filed 8/26/02, effective 9/26/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010 and 28A.305.130 (1) through (4). WSR 02-04-018, § 180-79A-211, filed 1/24/02, effective 2/24/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 01-03-152, § 180-79A-211, filed 1/24/01, effective 2/24/01. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010 and 28A.305.130 (1) and (2). WSR 99-23-023, § 180-79A-211, filed 11/9/99, effective 12/10/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-211, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.]

**WAC 181-79A-213 Issues of abuse course work requirement for continuing certification—Administrators.** Candidates who apply for a

continuing or professional administrator certificate after August 31, 1994, must have successfully completed the abuse course work requirement as defined in WAC 181-79A-030(6).

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 10-08-018, § 181-79A-213, filed 3/29/10, effective 4/29/10; WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-213, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-213, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 04-04-011, § 180-79A-213, filed 1/23/04, effective 2/23/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010 and 28A.305.130 (1) and (2). WSR 99-23-023, § 180-79A-213, filed 11/9/99, effective 12/10/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-213, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.]

**WAC 181-79A-221 Academic and experience requirements for certification—School counselors and school psychologists.** Candidates for school counselor and school psychologist certification shall complete the following requirements in addition to those set forth in WAC 181-79A-150 and 181-79A-226.

(1) **Degree.** It shall not be necessary for any candidate who holds a master's or doctorate degree to obtain the specified master's degree if the candidate provides satisfactory evidence to the superintendent of public instruction that he or she has completed all course work requirements relevant to the required master's degree and has satisfactorily completed a comprehensive examination required in such master's degree program. This examination shall be an examination of an accredited institution of higher education or the National Counselor Examination (NCE) of the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC) or, in the case of school psychologists, hold the Nationally Certified School Psychologist (NCSP) credential from the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP). If any candidate has been awarded a master's degree without a comprehensive examination, the candidate, as a condition for certification, shall successfully complete the Praxis II exam in the appropriate role.

(2) **School counselor.**

(a) **Residency.**

(i) Hold a master's degree in counseling.

(ii) Completion of a state-approved school counselor program.

(b) **Professional.** A professional certificate may be earned by an individual who holds a valid school counseling certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS).

(c) Beginning with certificates first issued or renewed after July 1, 2015, continuing and professional certificates for school counselors include a requirement for suicide prevention training under RCW 28A.410.226.

(3) **School psychologist.**

(a) **Residency.**

(i) The candidate shall hold a master's degree in school psychology.

(ii) Completion of a state-approved school psychology program.

(b) **Professional.** An individual who holds a valid Nationally Certified School Psychologist (NCSP) credential issued by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) shall be deemed to have met the requirement for professional certification.

(c) Continuing and/or professional certificates for school psychologists include a requirement for suicide prevention training under RCW 28A.410.226 as described in WAC 181-85-075.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 28A.410 and 28A.413 RCW. WSR 19-15-110, § 181-79A-221, filed 7/22/19, effective 8/22/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220. WSR 18-21-011, § 181-79A-221, filed 10/4/18, effective 11/4/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 17-11-104, § 181-79A-221, filed 5/22/17, effective 6/22/17; WSR 15-20-059, § 181-79A-221, filed 10/1/15, effective 11/1/15; WSR 14-24-057, § 181-79A-221, filed 11/25/14, effective 12/26/14; WSR 14-09-121, § 181-79A-221, filed 4/23/14, effective 5/24/14; WSR 11-15-051, § 181-79A-221, filed 7/15/11, effective 8/15/11; WSR 08-12-055, § 181-79A-221, filed 6/2/08, effective 7/3/08; WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-221, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-221, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.401.010 [28A.410.010]. WSR 04-21-040, § 180-79A-221, filed 10/15/04, effective 11/15/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-221, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.]

**WAC 181-79A-223 Academic and experience requirements for certification—School nurse, school occupational therapist, school physical therapist, school speech-language pathologist or audiologist, school social worker, and school behavior analyst.** Candidates for school nurse, school occupational therapist, school physical therapist and school speech-language pathologist or audiologist, school social worker, and school behavior analyst certification shall apply directly to the professional certification office. Such candidates shall complete the following requirements, in addition to those set forth in WAC 181-79A-150, except state-approved educator preparation program.

(1) **Degree.** It shall not be necessary for any candidate who holds a master's or doctorate degree to obtain the specified master's degree if the candidate provides satisfactory evidence to the superintendent of public instruction that he or she has completed all course work requirements relevant to the required master's degree and has satisfactorily completed a comprehensive examination required in such master's degree program. If any candidate has been awarded a master's degree without a comprehensive examination, the candidate, as a condition for certification, shall successfully complete the Praxis II exam in the appropriate role.

(2) **School nurse.**

(a) **Initial.**

(i) The candidate shall hold a valid department of health license as a registered nurse (RN) in Washington state.

(ii) The candidate shall hold a baccalaureate degree or higher in nursing from a program accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

(iii) The candidate shall complete the professional transitions to public schools course work under WAC 181-79A-224.

(b) **Continuing.**

(i) The candidate shall have completed the requirements for the initial certificate as a school nurse and have completed one hundred fifty continuing education credit hours related to education, nursing,

or other health sciences since the first issuance of the initial certificate.

(ii) The candidate shall have completed two years full-time equivalency (FTE) in the role in Washington with a school district, state-approved private school, or state agency that provides educational services for students.

(iii) The candidate shall hold a valid department of health license as a registered nurse (RN) in Washington state.

(iv) The candidate shall have completed suicide prevention training under RCW 28A.410.226, as described in WAC 181-85-075.

**(3) School occupational therapist.**

**(a) Initial.**

(i) The candidate shall hold a valid department of health license as an occupational therapist in Washington state.

(ii) The candidate shall hold a baccalaureate (or higher) degree from an American Occupational Therapy Association approved program in occupational therapy.

(iii) The candidate shall complete the professional transitions to public schools course work under WAC 181-79A-224.

**(b) Continuing.**

(i) The candidate shall have completed the requirements for the initial certificate as a school occupational therapist and have completed one hundred fifty continuing education credit hours related to occupational therapy, other health sciences, or education since the first issuance of the initial certificate.

(ii) The candidate shall have completed two years full-time equivalency (FTE) in the role in Washington with a school district, state-approved private school, or state agency that provides educational services for students.

(iii) The candidate shall hold a valid department of health license as an occupational therapist in Washington state.

**(4) School physical therapist.**

**(a) Initial.**

(i) The candidate shall hold a valid department of health license as a physical therapist in Washington state.

(ii) The candidate shall hold a baccalaureate (or higher) degree from an American Physical Therapy Association accredited program in physical therapy.

(iii) The candidate shall complete the professional transitions to public schools course work under WAC 181-79A-224.

**(b) Continuing.**

(i) The candidate shall have completed the requirements for the initial certificate as a school physical therapist and have completed one hundred fifty continuing education credit hours related to physical therapy, other health sciences, or education since the first issuance of the initial certificate.

(ii) The candidate shall have completed two years full-time equivalency (FTE) in the role in Washington with a school district, state-approved private school, or state agency that provides educational services for students.

**(5) School speech-language pathologist or audiologist.**

**(a) Initial.**

(i) The candidate shall have completed all course work (except special project or thesis) for a master's degree from a college or university program accredited by the American Speech and Hearing Association (ASHA) with a major in speech pathology or audiology. Such program shall include satisfactory completion of a written comprehen-

sive examination. If any candidate has not completed a written comprehensive examination, the candidate may present verification from ASHA of a passing score on the National Teacher's Examination in speech pathology or audiology as a condition for certification.

(ii) The candidate shall complete the professional transitions to public schools course work under WAC 181-79A-224.

(b) **Continuing.**

(i) The candidate shall hold a master's degree in speech pathology or audiology.

(ii) The candidate shall have completed two years full-time equivalency (FTE) in the role in Washington with a school district, state-approved private school, or state agency that provides educational services for students.

(iii) The candidate shall have completed the requirements for the initial certificate as a speech language pathologist or audiologist and have completed one hundred fifty continuing education credit hours related to speech language pathology, audiology, other health sciences, or education since the first issuance of the initial certificate.

(6) **School social worker.**

(a) **Initial.**

(i) The candidate shall hold a master of social work or master of social welfare from an accredited institution of higher learning.

(ii) The candidate shall complete the professional transitions to public schools course work under WAC 181-79A-224.

(b) **Continuing.**

(i) The candidate shall have completed the requirements for the initial certificate as a school social worker and have completed one hundred fifty continuing education credit hours related to the role of the school social worker or education since the first issuance of the initial certificate.

(ii) The candidate shall have completed two years full-time equivalency (FTE) in the role in Washington with a school district, state-approved private school, or state agency that provides educational services for students.

(iii) The candidate shall have completed suicide prevention training under RCW 28A.410.226, as described in WAC 181-85-075.

(7) **Behavior analyst.**

(a) **Initial.**

(i) Candidates must hold a valid board certified behavior analyst (BCBA) certificate from the behavior analyst certification board (BACB), or other national certificate as approved by the professional educator standards board.

(ii) Candidates must hold a master's degree or higher in any area.

(iii) Candidates must have achieved a passing score on the board certified behavior analyst (BCBA) exam from the behavior analyst certification board (BACB), or other assessment as approved by the professional educator standards board.

(iv) The candidate shall complete the professional transitions to public schools course work under WAC 181-79A-224.

(b) **Continuing.**

(i) Candidates must hold a valid board certified behavior analyst (BCBA) certificate from the behavior analyst certification board (BACB), or other national certificate as approved by the professional educator standards board.

(ii) The candidate shall have completed the requirements for the initial certificate as a behavior analyst and have completed one hun-

dred fifty continuing education credit hours related to the role of the school behavior analyst or education since the first issuance of the initial certificate.

(iii) The candidate shall have completed two years full-time equivalency (FTE) in the role in Washington with a school district, state-approved private school, or state agency that provides educational services for students.

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**WAC 181-79A-224 Professional transitions to public schools course work requirement.**

(1) Professional transitions to public schools course work requirement. The candidate shall successfully complete a minimum of fifteen continuing education credit hours or one semester hour of course work approved by the professional educator standards board which will consist of the following outcomes. The candidates will:

(a) Demonstrate an understanding of school and special education laws and policies (national, state, and local) and their application to decision-making processes in the educational setting;

(b) Understand and demonstrate knowledge of working within the culture of the schools, creating an environment that fosters safety, health, and learning for the students;

(c) Demonstrate knowledge of appropriate resources in the school setting;

(d) Demonstrate knowledge of collaboration with team members which may include parents, teachers, administrators, and others to support learning outcomes for all students;

(e) Demonstrate knowledge of how to support the outcomes for all students through strategies such as scientifically based practices, collaborative teaming, and ethical decision making;

(f) Use professional standards to inform professional growth planning;

(g) Demonstrate an understanding of the use of human, community, and technological resources.

(2) An individual who meets all other requirements of the certificate but who has not completed the professional transitions to public schools requirement, shall be issued a temporary permit valid for one

year, unless prior to the expiration date the superintendent of public instruction determines the applicant is ineligible to receive a valid certificate or endorsement which will allow the individual to practice in the role. The candidate shall verify to OSPI the completion of the required course work prior to the expiration of the one year temporary permit.

(3) The professional educator standards board will review professional transitions to public schools course work for approval and re-approval/disapproval per the posted schedule. All providers of this course work must maintain current approval status to offer the course.

(4) Out-of-state candidates under WAC 181-79A-257 are considered to have met the requirement for the professional transitions to public schools course work provided they meet one or more of the following:

(a) Have completed a state-approved program as an educational staff associate in the role; or

(b) Hold or have held a certificate in the role, comparable to a residency or initial certificate, issued by another state and have practiced at the P-12 school level in the role outside the state of Washington for at least three years; or

(c) Hold an appropriate degree from an accredited college or university and have practiced three years as an educational staff associate in that role in a state where such certificate was not required.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 28A.410 and 28A.413 RCW. WSR 19-15-110, § 181-79A-224, filed 7/22/19, effective 8/22/19.]

**WAC 181-79A-226 Issues of abuse course work requirement for certification—Educational staff associate.** Candidates who apply for a continuing or professional educational staff associate certificate after August 31, 1994, must have successfully completed the issues of abuse course work requirement as defined in WAC 181-79A-030(6). Candidates who apply to renew their first initial educational staff associate certificate must have successfully completed the issues of abuse course work requirement as defined in WAC 181-79A-030(6).

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 28A.410 and 28A.413 RCW. WSR 19-15-110, § 181-79A-226, filed 7/22/19, effective 8/22/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-226, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-226, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.401.010 [28A.410.010]. WSR 04-21-040, § 180-79A-226, filed 10/15/04, effective 11/15/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 04-04-011, § 180-79A-226, filed 1/23/04, effective 2/23/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010 and 28A.305.130 (1) and (2). WSR 99-23-023, § 180-79A-226, filed 11/9/99, effective 12/10/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-226, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.]

**WAC 181-79A-227 Science endorsement requirements.** (1) Per WAC 181-82A-215, all teachers are required to hold at least one endorsement. Candidates pursuing a science endorsement in a state-approved program must earn and/or hold the science endorsement before September 1, 2019. After September 1, 2019, only certified teachers with designated science endorsements, which include biology, chemistry, earth



and space science, or physics, can obtain the general science endorsement.

(2) Individuals certified in Washington state and holding a science endorsement prior to September 1, 2019, are exempt from the requirements of this section.

(3) Individuals applying for a Washington state teacher certificate that have completed an out-of-state teacher preparation program in general science may have two years in which to add one of the designated science endorsements.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 15-08-024, § 181-79A-227, filed 3/24/15, effective 4/24/15.]

**WAC 181-79A-228 Emergency teacher certificates.** Emergency teacher certificates, valid for one year, may be issued by the superintendent of public instruction under the following conditions:

(1) A teacher preparation program approved by the professional educator standards board has recommended the candidate as having met all requirements for program completion with the exception of one or more of the following:

(a) The performance assessment as described in WAC 181-78A-232 and 181-78A-300;

(b) The content knowledge assessment as described in WAC 181-78A-300 (2)(b); and

(c) The basic skills assessment as described in WAC 181-78A-232 and 181-78A-300.

(2) During the validity period of the certificate, preparation program providers are required to inform, advise, and support applicants on assessment requirements as described in WAC 181-78A-231(3).

(3) Teacher preparation programs may recommend candidates for an emergency certificate under this section through June 30, 2021.

(4) One additional one-year emergency certificate may be issued upon recommendation by the preparation program provider. Teacher preparation programs may recommend candidates for this additional one-year emergency certificate through December 31, 2021.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW. WSR 20-16-034, § 181-79A-228, filed 7/25/20, effective 8/25/20.]

#### **SPECIFIC CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LIMITED, INSTRUCTIONAL SPECIALIST AND INTERNSHIP CERTIFICATES**

**WAC 181-79A-231 Limited certificates.** All applicants for limited certificates must meet the age, good moral character, and personal fitness requirements of WAC 181-79A-150 (1) and (2).

Nothing within chapter 181-79A WAC authorizes practice by an educational staff associate which is otherwise prohibited or restricted by any other law, including licensure statutes and rules and regulations adopted by the appropriate licensure board or agency.

(1) **Conditional certificate.**

(a) **Intent.** The intent of the conditional certificate is to assist school districts, approved private schools, and educational service districts in meeting the state's educational goals by giving them

flexibility in hiring decisions based on shortages or the opportunity to secure the services of unusually talented individuals.

(b) **Roles.**

(i) Teacher roles. The conditional certificate may be issued to teachers in all endorsement areas. Specific minimum requirements defined in this section apply to the following:

- (A) Special education teachers;
- (B) Nonimmigrant exchange teachers;
- (C) Traffic safety education teachers.

(ii) Educational staff associate roles. The conditional certificate may be issued in the following education staff associate roles:

- (A) School counselor;
- (B) School nurse;
- (C) School psychologist;
- (D) School social worker;
- (E) School speech language pathologist or audiologist;
- (F) Behavior analyst.

(iii) Administrator role. The conditional certificate may be issued in the following administrator role: Principal.

(c) **Request requirements.**

(i) When requesting the conditional certificate, the district, the educational service district, or the approved private school will verify that one or more of the following criteria have been met:

(A) The individual has extensive experience, unusual distinction, or exceptional talent in the subject matter to be taught or in the certificate role; or

(B) No person with regular certification in the area is available; or

(C) The individual holds a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university; or

(D) The individual is enrolled in an educator preparation program specific to the certificate role for which they are applying; or

(E) The individual will serve as a nonimmigrant exchange teacher and meets the specific minimum requirements defined in this section; or

(F) The individual will serve as a traffic safety education teacher and meets the specific minimum requirements defined in this section; or

(G) Circumstances warrant.

(ii) When requesting the conditional certificate, the district, the educational service district, or the approved private school will verify that all of the following criteria have been met:

(A) The district, educational service district, or approved private school has determined that the individual is competent for the assignment; and

(B) After specific inclusion on the agenda and a formal vote, the school board or educational service district board has authorized the conditional certificate; and

(C) The individual is being certificated for a specific assignment and responsibility in a specified activity/field; and

(D) The individual will be delegated primary responsibility for planning, conducting, and evaluating instructional activities; and

(E) The individual will not be serving in a paraeducator role; and

(F) The individual will be oriented and prepared for the assignment. In addition, prior to service, the individual will be apprised

of any legal liability, the responsibilities of a professional educator, the lines of authority, and the duration of the assignment; and

(G) The individual will be assigned a mentor within twenty working days from the commencement of the assignment; and

(H) A written plan of support will be developed within twenty working days from the commencement of the assignment.

(d) **Minimum requirements.**

(i) Individuals must complete fifty continuing education credit hours after the issuance of the certificate, and prior to the reissuance of the certificate. Holders of conditional certificates in the role of nonimmigrant exchange teacher are not required to complete fifty continuing education credit hours.

(ii) Special education teacher. The applicant for a conditional teaching certificate in special education shall hold a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university.

The issuance of a conditional certificate to a special education teacher is contingent upon the individual being enrolled in a state-approved teacher preparation program resulting in a teacher certificate endorsed in special education.

An individual with full certification and endorsed in special education shall be assigned as a mentor to the special education teacher serving on a conditional certificate for the duration of the conditional certificate.

(iii) Traffic safety education teacher. The applicant qualifies to instruct in the traffic safety program under WAC 392-153-021. Written plans of support and mentors are not required for holders of conditional certificates in the role of traffic safety education teacher.

(iv) Nonimmigrant exchange. A conditional certificate in the role of teacher may be issued to an individual admitted to the United States for the purpose of serving as an exchange teacher.

The individual must be eligible to serve as a teacher in the elementary or secondary schools in their country of nationality or last residence.

(v) School counselor. The applicant must hold a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university, and be enrolled in a state-approved preparation program for the role, in accordance with Washington requirements for certification.

(vi) School nurse. The applicant possesses a state of Washington license for a registered nurse. Applicants who meet the requirements for the initial school nurse certificate will not be issued a conditional school nurse certificate.

(vii) School psychologist. The applicant must hold a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university, and be enrolled in a state-approved preparation program for school psychologists, in accordance with Washington requirements for certification.

In addition, the candidate shall have completed all course work for the required master's degree, and shall be participating in the required internship.

(viii) School social worker. The applicant must hold a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university. The applicant must be enrolled in a master's degree program in social work or social welfare.

(ix) School speech language pathologist or audiologist. The applicant has completed a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university.

(x) Behavior analyst. Applicants must meet one or more of the following:

(A) Hold a valid Washington state department of health license as an assistant behavior analyst. The district, educational service district, or approved private school must provide a supervisor who meets the department of health requirements for a supervisor of assistant behavior analysts; or

(B) Hold a valid board certified assistant behavior analyst (BCABA) certificate from the behavior analyst certification board (BACB). The district, educational service district, or approved private school must provide a supervisor who meets the behavior analyst certification board (BACB) requirements for a supervisor of board certified assistant behavior analyst (BCABA); or

(C) Hold a bachelor's degree, and, must be enrolled in or have completed the course work requirements for the board certified behavior analyst (BCBA) certificate from the behavior analyst certification board (BACB), as verified by the institution providing the behavior analysis course work.

(xi) Principal. The applicant holds a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.

The candidate for conditional certification as a principal shall be enrolled in a program resulting in the issuance of a residency principal certificate, in accordance with Washington requirements for certification.

(e) **Validity.** The conditional certificate is valid for two years or less, and is only valid for the activity or role specified on the certificate.

The reissuance of the special education conditional certificate will have a validity period of three years or less.

(f) **Reissuance.**

(i) The conditional certificate may be reissued upon request by the employing local school district, approved private school, or educational service district, provided all conditions for the first issuance of the certificate are met.

(ii) The requesting school district, approved private school, or educational service district will verify that the fifty continuing education credit hours earned as a requirement for reissuance of the certificate are designed to support the individual's professional growth, and enhance the individual's knowledge or skills to better assist students in meeting state learning goals.

(iii) Nonimmigrant exchange. The conditional certificate in the role of teacher may be reissued while the individual is being sponsored by a school district in an exchange and visiting teacher program.

(iv) Special education teacher. Conditional certificates in special education may only be reissued once. The reissuance of the special education conditional certificate will have a validity period of three years or less. The special education conditional certificate may only be reissued upon verification by the preparation program provider that the individual is completing satisfactory progress in a state-approved teacher certificate program leading to a special education endorsement.

(v) School speech language pathologist or audiologist. Conditional certificates as a school speech language pathologist or audiologist may be reissued twice.

The conditional certification as a school speech language pathologist or audiologist may be reissued if the candidate is enrolled in a master's degree program resulting in issuance of an initial ESA certificate in accordance with Washington requirements for certification.

The school speech language pathologist or audiologist conditional certificate may be reissued a second time upon verification by the degree provider that the individual is completing satisfactory progress in a master's degree program resulting in issuance of an initial school speech language pathologist or audiologist certificate in accordance with Washington requirements for certification.

(vi) Conditional certificates as a school behavior analyst may be reissued twice.

(2) **Transitional certificate.**

(a) **Intent.** The transitional certificate provides flexibility for school districts in employing an individual whose continuing certificate has lapsed or expired.

(b) **Roles.** The transitional certificate may be issued in roles of teacher, education staff associate, and administrator for continuing certificates.

(c) **Request requirements.**

(i) The transitional certificate is issued upon request by a school district, approved private school, or educational service district for an individual whose continuing certificate has lapsed or expired according to WAC 181-85-040.

(ii) School districts, approved private schools, and educational service districts are strongly encouraged to develop with the holder of a transitional certificate a plan of support for the holder to complete the necessary continuing certificate renewal requirements under WAC 181-85-130.

(d) **Minimum requirements.**

(i) The holder of the transitional certificate must complete the requirements for continuing certificate renewal within two years of the date the holder was issued the transitional certificate.

(ii) No individual whose continuing certificate has been suspended or revoked shall be eligible to be employed under this section.

(e) **Validity.** The transitional certificate is valid until two years from the date the holder was issued the certificate. The transitional certificate expiration date shall not be calculated under professional educator standards board policy WAC 181-79A-117.

(f) **Reissuance.** The transitional certificate is not renewable and may not be reissued.

(3) **Emergency substitute certificate.**

(a) **Intent.** The intent of the emergency substitute certificate is to assist school districts, approved private schools, and educational service districts with flexibility in meeting educator workforce needs.

(b) **Roles.**

(i) The emergency substitute certificate may be issued in the role of teacher.

(ii) To ensure that related services personnel deliver special education services in their respective discipline or profession, the emergency substitute certificate may not be issued for individuals to serve in an educational staff associate role in accordance with 34 C.F.R. Part 300.156 (b) (2) (ii).

(iii) Holders of the emergency substitute certificate may serve in the local school district, approved private school, or educational service district which requested the certificate.

(iv) Holders of the emergency substitute certificate may serve as substitutes if the local school district, approved private school, or educational service district has exhausted or reasonably anticipates

it will exhaust its list of qualified substitutes under WAC 181-79A-232.

(c) **Request requirements.**

(i) The emergency substitute certificate is issued upon request by a school district, approved private school, or educational service district.

(ii) If the local school district, approved private school, or educational service district has exhausted or reasonably anticipates it will exhaust its list of qualified substitutes who are willing to serve as substitutes, emergency substitute certificates may be issued to persons not fully qualified as substitutes under WAC 181-79A-232.

(d) **Validity.** Emergency substitute certificates shall be valid for two years or less.

(e) **Reissuance.** The emergency substitute certificate may be reissued upon request by the employing local school district, approved private school, or educational service district.

(4) **Intern substitute certificate.**

(a) **Intent.** The intent of the intern substitute certificate is to provide the intern the opportunity to serve as a substitute when the cooperating teacher is absent. This provides the intern with experience while allowing for consistency in instruction for the students.

(b) **Roles.** The intern substitute certificate may be issued to student teachers or intern teachers.

(c) **Request requirements.**

(i) School districts, educational service districts, and approved private schools may request intern substitute teacher certificates for individuals enrolled in student teaching and internships to serve as substitute teachers in the absence of the cooperating teacher.

(ii) The supervising preparation program provider must approve the candidate for the intern substitute teacher certificate.

(d) **Minimum requirements.** The holder of the intern substitute certificate may be called at the discretion of the school district, education service district, or approved private school to serve as a substitute teacher only in the classroom(s) to which the individual is assigned as a student teacher or intern.

(e) **Validity.** The intern substitute teacher certificate is valid for one year or less.

(f) **Reissuance.** The intern substitute certificate may be reissued upon request by the local school district, approved private school, or educational service district, and approved by the educator preparation program provider.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 28A.410 and 28A.413 RCW. WSR 19-15-110, § 181-79A-231, filed 7/22/19, effective 8/22/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220. WSR 18-21-072, § 181-79A-231, filed 10/11/18, effective 11/11/18; WSR 17-23-176, § 181-79A-231, filed 11/21/17, effective 12/22/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 17-08-037, § 181-79A-231, filed 3/29/17, effective 4/29/17; WSR 16-16-044, § 181-79A-231, filed 7/26/16, effective 8/26/16; WSR 15-20-058, § 181-79A-231, filed 10/1/15, effective 11/1/15; WSR 10-16-124, § 181-79A-231, filed 8/3/10, effective 9/3/10; WSR 07-04-003, § 181-79A-231, filed 1/24/07, effective 2/24/07; WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-231, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-231, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 04-20-090, § 180-79A-231, filed 10/5/04, effective 11/5/04; WSR 03-14-115, § 180-79A-231, filed 6/30/03, effective 7/31/03; WSR 03-12-035, § 180-79A-231, filed 5/30/03, effective

6/30/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010 and 28A.305.130. WSR 02-13-027, § 180-79A-231, filed 6/12/02, effective 7/13/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 00-13-063, § 180-79A-231, filed 6/16/00, effective 7/17/00. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010 and 28A.305.130 (1) and (2). WSR 99-23-023, § 180-79A-231, filed 11/9/99, effective 12/10/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-231, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.]

**WAC 181-79A-232 Substitute certificate. (1) Substitute certificate.**

(a) **Intent.** The intent of the substitute certificate is to provide a district, educational service district, or approved private school with hiring flexibility during the absence of an educator.

(b) **Roles.**

(i) This certificate may be issued in the role of teacher, educational staff associate, or administrator.

(ii) Educational staff associates may only substitute in the specific role of their certificate.

(iii) The substitute certificate entitles the holder to act as substitute during the absence of the regularly certificated staff member for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days during the school year in any one assignment.

(iv) If a district, educational service district, or approved private school employs a teacher holding a substitute certificate in any one assignment for more than thirty working days, then the district, educational service district, or approved private school must within twenty working days develop a plan of professional learning for the individual that is appropriate to the assignment, designed to support their professional growth, and enhance instructional knowledge and skills to meet district needs and assist students in meeting the state learning goals.

(c) **Minimum requirements.** The substitute certificate may be issued to:

(i) Teachers, educational staff associates, or administrators who hold or have held a regular state of Washington educator certificate; or

(ii) Persons who have completed state approved educator preparation programs for their role, if it is a role for which state-approved programs are required, and a bachelor's degree or higher at an accredited college or university as required for the initial or residency certificate for their role in chapter 181-79A WAC; or

(iii) Persons applying as out-of-state applicants who qualify for certification pursuant to WAC 181-79A-257; or

(iv) Persons who hold or have held a continuing career and technical education teacher certificate.

(d) **Request requirements.** The individual educator applies for the substitute certificate.

(e) **Validity.** The substitute certificate is valid for life.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220. WSR 18-21-072, § 181-79A-232, filed 10/11/18, effective 11/11/18.]

## RENEWAL, REINSTATEMENT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

**WAC 181-79A-250 Initial and continuing certificates—Renewal, reinstatement, and continuing education requirements.** The following shall apply to initial and continuing certificates issued pursuant to this chapter:

- (1) Initial certificate.
  - (a) Teachers.

An initial teacher certificate may be renewed for an additional three-year period on application and verification that the individual has completed all course work requirements from an accredited institution of higher education as defined in WAC 181-79A-030 for continuing certification or has completed at least fifteen quarter credit hours (ten semester credit hours) since the certificate was issued or renewed. After August 31, 2000, provisions of WAC 181-79A-123 will apply.

- (b) Administrators.

After June 30, 2004, provisions of WAC 181-79A-123(8) will apply.

- (c) Educational staff associates.

- (i) After June 30, 2005, provisions of WAC 181-79A-123(9) will apply to school psychologists and school counselors.

- (ii) Beginning September 1, 2020, all initial certificates shall expire if the holder does not complete the continuing education requirement to include the filing requirement specified in chapter 181-85 WAC. To reinstate such an expired initial certificate the individual must complete the requirements for reinstatement stated within chapter 181-85 WAC and must meet the conditions stated in WAC 181-79A-253.

- (2) Continuing certificate.

- (a) The continuing certificates of holders who were eligible for such certificates prior to August 31, 1987, and who applied for such certificates prior to July 1, 1988, or who would have been eligible for such certificates prior to August 31, 1987, but for one of the three-year experience requirement and who complete such requirement and apply for such certificate prior to August 31, 1988, will be valid for life. Holders of valid continuing certificates affected by this subsection shall be entitled to have such certificate reissued and subject to the terms and conditions applicable to certification at the time of reissuance including the continuing education requirements of chapter 181-85 WAC.

- (b) All continuing certificates not affected by the exception stated in (a) of this subsection shall expire if the holder does not complete the continuing education requirement to include the filing requirement specified in chapter 181-85 WAC. To reinstate such an expired continuing certificate the individual must complete the requirements for reinstatement stated within chapter 181-85 WAC and must meet the conditions stated in WAC 181-79A-253.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 28A.410 and 28A.413 RCW. WSR 19-15-110, § 181-79A-250, filed 7/22/19, effective 8/22/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220. WSR 18-10-063, § 181-79A-250, filed 4/30/18, effective 5/31/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 17-11-104, § 181-79A-250, filed 5/22/17, effective 6/22/17; WSR 11-15-051, §



181-79A-250, filed 7/15/11, effective 8/15/11; WSR 10-16-124, §  
181-79A-250, filed 8/3/10, effective 9/3/10; WSR 10-08-018, §  
181-79A-250, filed 3/29/10, effective 4/29/10; WSR 10-03-019, §  
181-79A-250, filed 1/8/10, effective 2/8/10; WSR 08-15-141, §  
181-79A-250, filed 7/22/08, effective 8/22/08; WSR 07-20-047, §  
181-79A-250, filed 9/26/07, effective 10/27/07; WSR 06-14-010, §  
181-79A-250, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodi-  
fied as § 181-79A-250, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Au-  
thority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 05-23-043, § 180-79A-250, filed 11/9/05,  
effective 12/10/05; WSR 05-15-053, § 180-79A-250, filed 7/12/05, ef-  
fective 8/12/05; WSR 04-21-040, § 180-79A-250, filed 10/15/04, effec-  
tive 11/15/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 and 28A.410.010.  
WSR 02-18-037, § 180-79A-250, filed 8/26/02, effective 9/26/02. Statu-  
tory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 01-13-111, § 180-79A-250, filed  
6/20/01, effective 7/21/01; WSR 01-09-004, § 180-79A-250, filed  
4/5/01, effective 5/6/01; WSR 00-03-048, § 180-79A-250, filed 1/14/00,  
effective 2/14/00. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2),  
28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-250, filed  
12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.]

**WAC 181-79A-251 Teacher residency and professional certification**  
**—Renewal and reinstatement.** (1) Residency certificates shall be re-  
newed under one of the following options:

(a) Individuals who hold, or have held, residency certificates  
have the following options for renewal:

(i) One hundred continuing education credit hours as defined in  
chapter 181-85 WAC, or four annual professional growth plans as de-  
fined in WAC 181-79A-030, completed within the previous five years  
from the date of the five-year renewal application. Individuals com-  
pleting fewer than four annual professional growth plans must complete  
necessary continuing education credits needed to be the equivalent of  
one hundred clock hours.

Subsequent five-year renewals shall be issued based on completion  
of one hundred continuing education credit hours since the issue date  
of the latest five-year residency teacher renewal certificate or four  
professional growth plans developed since the certificate was issued.  
Completion of four annual professional growth plans during each five-  
year period between subsequent lapse dates meets the requirement for  
renewal. Individuals completing fewer than four annual professional  
growth plans must complete necessary continuing education credits need-  
ed to be the equivalent of one hundred clock hours.

Provided, application for subsequent renewals shall not be sub-  
mitted earlier than twelve months prior to the expiration date of the  
current renewal.

Expired five-year residency teacher renewal certificates may be  
renewed with completion of one hundred continuing education credit  
hours within the previous five years from the date of the five-year  
renewal application or by completing four professional growth plans as  
defined in WAC 181-79A-030. Individuals completing fewer than four an-  
nual professional growth plans must complete necessary continuing edu-  
cation credits needed to be the equivalent of one hundred clock hours.

An expired certificate may be renewed for an additional five-year  
period by presenting evidence to the superintendent of public instruc-  
tion of completing the continuing education credit hour or professio-

nal growth plan requirement within the five years prior to the date of the renewal application.

Candidates who apply for the five-year residency teacher renewal certificate who have not successfully completed course work or an in-service program on issues of abuse, must complete the abuse course work requirement as defined in WAC 181-79A-030 and required per RCW 28A.410.035.

Continuing education for teachers at the elementary and secondary levels in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) related subjects must include a specific focus on the integration of STEM instruction as per RCW 28A.410.2212. This STEM continuing education requirement for certificate renewal is as described in WAC 181-85-075(6).

(ii) Individuals who have attempted and failed the professional certificate assessment are eligible for a two-year renewal.

(iii) Individuals who have not been employed as a teacher during the dated, three-year residency certificate may receive a two-year renewal by submitting an affidavit to the certification office confirming that they will register and submit a uniform assessment portfolio or they will complete assessment for National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Individuals not employed as a teacher may permit their certificate to lapse until such time they register for the professional certificate assessment, or the National Board Certification.

(iv) Individuals whose three- or five-year residency certificate has lapsed may receive a two-year renewal by submitting an affidavit to the certification office confirming that they will register and submit a uniform assessment portfolio for the professional certificate assessment or assessment for National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

(b) A residency certificate expires after the first renewal if the candidate has not registered for and submitted a portfolio assessment prior to June 30th of the expiration year, to achieve the professional certificate, Provided: When the first two-year residency teacher renewal certificate expires, teachers have three renewal options:

(i) Individuals who were employed but failed the professional certification assessment, may receive a second two-year renewal;

(ii) Individuals who were not employed as a teacher during the first two-year renewal may permit their certificate to lapse. Upon contracting to return to a teacher role, individuals may apply for a final, second two-year renewal by submitting an affidavit to the certification office confirming that they will register and submit a uniform assessment portfolio for the professional certification assessment;

(iii) An individual who completes a National Board Certification assessment but does not earn National Board Certification, may use that completed assessment to apply for a final, second two-year renewal by submitting an affidavit to the certification office confirming that they will complete and submit their scores from the assessment for National Board for Professional Teaching Standards or register and submit the Washington uniform assessment portfolio as per this section, WAC 181-79A-251.

(2) Teacher professional certificate.

(a) Individuals who hold a professional teacher certificate may have that certificate renewed for additional five-year periods by the completion of one hundred continuing education credit hours as defined in chapter 181-85 WAC or by completing four professional growth plans annually during the period in which the certificate is valid as de-

defined in WAC 181-79A-030. Individuals completing fewer than four annual professional growth plans must complete necessary continuing education credits needed to be the equivalent of one hundred clock hours.

Provided, application for renewals shall not be submitted earlier than twelve months prior to the expiration date of the current renewal.

Expired certificates may be renewed with completion of one hundred continuing education credit hours within the previous five years from the date of the five-year renewal application or by completing four professional growth plans as defined in WAC 181-79A-030. Individuals completing fewer than four annual professional growth plans must complete necessary continuing education credits needed to be the equivalent of one hundred clock hours.

An expired professional certificate may be renewed for an additional five-year period by presenting evidence to the superintendent of public instruction of completing the continuing education credit hour or professional growth plan requirement within the five years prior to the date of the renewal application. All continuing education credit hours shall relate to one of the three standards: Effective instruction, professional contributions or professional development.

(b) Continuing education or professional growth plans for teachers at the elementary and secondary levels in STEM-related subjects must include a specific focus on the integration of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) instruction as per RCW 28A.410.2212. This STEM continuing education requirement for certificate renewal is as described in WAC 181-85-075(6). This requirement is for all professional teacher certificate holders regardless of date of issuance of the first professional certificate.

(c) Provided, That a professional certificate may be renewed based on the possession of a valid teaching certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards at the time of application for the renewal of the professional certificate. Such renewal shall be valid for five years or until the expiration of the National Board Certificate, whichever is greater. Such renewal is only available one time during the validity period of the National Board Certificate and cannot be the same National Board Certificate used to obtain the professional certificate.

(d) Provided, as per RCW 28A.410.278(2), in-service training, continuing education, or professional growth plans shall incorporate professional development on the revised teacher and principal evaluation systems under RCW 28A.405.100 as a requirement for renewal of continuing or professional level certificates. This continuing education requirement related to the teacher and principal evaluation system is as described in WAC 181-85-075(7).

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220. WSR 18-08-064, § 181-79A-251, filed 4/2/18, effective 5/3/18; WSR 17-23-176, § 181-79A-251, filed 11/21/17, effective 12/22/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 16-24-029, § 181-79A-251, filed 11/30/16, effective 12/31/16; WSR 16-07-103, § 181-79A-251, filed 3/18/16, effective 4/18/16; WSR 15-20-059, § 181-79A-251, filed 10/1/15, effective 11/1/15; WSR 14-24-057, § 181-79A-251, filed 11/25/14, effective 12/26/14; WSR 14-16-105, § 181-79A-251, filed 8/6/14, effective 9/6/14; WSR 14-09-121, § 181-79A-251, filed 4/23/14, effective 5/24/14; WSR 13-16-081, § 181-79A-251, filed 8/6/13, effective 9/6/13; WSR 13-11-072, § 181-79A-251, filed 5/16/13, effective 6/16/13; WSR 13-04-082, § 181-79A-251, filed 2/5/13, effective 3/8/13; WSR

12-18-005, § 181-79A-251, filed 8/23/12, effective 9/23/12; WSR  
12-07-076, § 181-79A-251, filed 3/20/12, effective 4/20/12; WSR  
10-16-124, § 181-79A-251, filed 8/3/10, effective 9/3/10.]

**WAC 181-79A-2510 Principal and program administrator residency and professional certification—Renewal and reinstatement. (1) Residency certificate.**

(a) Principals/program administrators who hold or have held residency certificates may have their residency certificates renewed by completing one hundred continuing education credit hours as defined in chapter 181-85 WAC, or four annual professional growth plans as described in WAC 181-85-033, within the previous five years from the date of the five-year residency administrator renewal application. Individuals completing fewer than four annual professional growth plans must complete necessary continuing education credits needed to be the equivalent of one hundred clock hours.

(b) Subsequent five-year renewals shall be issued based on completion of one hundred continuing education credit hours since the issue date of the latest five-year residency administrator renewal certificate; or four professional growth plans developed since the certificate was issued. Completion of four annual professional growth plans during each five-year period between subsequent lapse dates meets the requirement for renewal. Individuals completing fewer than four annual professional growth plans must complete necessary continuing education credits needed to be the equivalent of one hundred clock hours.

Provided, application for subsequent renewals shall not be submitted earlier than twelve months prior to the expiration date of the current renewal.

Expired five-year residency administrator renewal certificates may be renewed with completion of one hundred continuing education credit hours within the previous five years from the date of the five-year residency administrator renewal application or by completing four professional growth plans as defined in WAC 181-85-033. Individuals completing fewer than four annual professional growth plans must complete necessary continuing education credits needed to be the equivalent of one hundred clock hours.

An expired certificate may be renewed for an additional five-year period by presenting evidence to the superintendent of public instruction of completing the continuing education credit hour or professional growth plan requirement within the five years prior to the date of the renewal application.

Candidates who apply for the five-year residency administrator renewal certificate who have not successfully completed course work or an in-service program on issues of abuse, must complete the abuse course work requirement as defined in WAC 181-79A-030 and required per RCW 28A.410.2212.

(c) A three-year renewal is available until June 30, 2020, for individuals who have held or hold a principal or program administrator residency certificate that expires prior to July 1, 2019.

**(2) Professional certificate.**

Individuals who hold a professional certificate may have that certificate renewed for additional five-year periods by completion of one hundred continuing education credit hours as defined in chapter 181-85 WAC or four professional growth plans developed annually since

the certificate was issued, as described in WAC 181-85-033. Individuals completing fewer than four annual professional growth plans must complete the necessary continuing education credits needed to be the equivalent of one hundred clock hours.

Application for renewals shall not be submitted earlier than twelve months prior to the expiration date of the current renewal.

Expired certificates may be renewed with completion of one hundred continuing education credit hours within the previous five years from the date of the five-year renewal application or by completing four professional growth plans as described in WAC 181-85-033. Individuals completing fewer than four annual professional growth plans must complete necessary continuing education credits needed to be the equivalent of one hundred clock hours.

An expired certificate may be renewed for an additional five-year period by presenting evidence to the superintendent of public instruction of completing the continuing education credit hour or professional growth plan requirement within the five years prior to the date of the renewal application.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 28A.410 and 28A.413 RCW. WSR 19-15-143, § 181-79A-2510, filed 7/24/19, effective 8/24/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220. WSR 17-23-176, § 181-79A-2510, filed 11/21/17, effective 12/22/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 16-07-103, § 181-79A-2510, filed 3/18/16, effective 4/18/16; WSR 15-20-059, § 181-79A-2510, filed 10/1/15, effective 11/1/15.]

**WAC 181-79A-2511 School counselor residency and professional certification—Renewal and reinstatement.** (1) **Residency.** School counselors may renew their residency certificate in one of the following ways:

(a) Individuals who hold a residency certificate may have their residency certificates renewed for an additional five-year period by the completion of one hundred continuing education hours as defined in chapter 181-85 WAC, directly related to the current performance-based standards as defined in WAC 181-78A-270(4) since the issuance of the residency certificate, or four annual professional growth plans as defined in WAC 181-79A-030, completed within the previous five years from the date of the five-year renewal application. Individuals completing fewer than four annual professional growth plans must complete necessary continuing education credits needed to be the equivalent of one hundred clock hours.

Subsequent five-year renewals shall be issued based on completion of one hundred continuing education credit hours directly related to the current performance-based standards as defined in WAC 181-78A-270(4) since the issue date of the latest five-year residency renewal certificate, or four professional growth plans developed since the certificate was issued. Completion of four annual professional growth plans during each five-year period between subsequent lapse dates meets the requirement for renewal.

Individuals completing fewer than four annual professional growth plans must complete necessary continuing education credits needed to be the equivalent of one hundred clock hours.

Application for subsequent renewals shall not be submitted earlier than twelve months prior to the expiration date of the current renewal.

Expired five-year residency renewal certificates may be renewed with completion of one hundred continuing education credit hours within the previous five years from the date of the five-year renewal application or by completing four professional growth plans as defined in WAC 181-79A-030. Individuals completing fewer than four annual professional growth plans must complete necessary continuing education credits needed to be the equivalent of one hundred clock hours.

An expired certificate may be renewed for an additional five-year period by presenting evidence to the superintendent of public instruction of completing the continuing education credit hour or professional growth plan requirement within the five years prior to the date of the renewal application.

Candidates who apply for the five-year residency renewal certificate who have not successfully completed course work or an in-service program on issues of abuse, must complete the abuse course work requirement as defined in WAC 181-79A-030(6) and required under RCW 28A.410.2212.

(b) A three-year renewal is available until June 30, 2020, for individuals who have held or hold a school counselor residency certificate that expires prior to July 1, 2019.

(c) Beginning September 1, 2020, in addition to other requirements of this chapter, completion of the suicide prevention training requirement as described in WAC 181-85-075 will be required for renewal of a residency school counselor certificate.

(2) **Professional.**

Individuals who hold a professional certificate may have that professional certificate renewed for additional five-year periods by:

(a) Completion of one hundred continuing education credit hours as defined in chapter 181-85 WAC since the certificate was issued and which relate to the current performance-based standards as defined in WAC 181-78A-270(4); or

(b) Completion of four professional growth plans, as defined in WAC 181-79A-030, that are developed annually since the certificate was issued. Individuals completing fewer than four annual professional growth plans must complete necessary continuing education credits needed to be the equivalent of one hundred clock hours.

(c) A school counselor professional certificate may be renewed based on the possession of a valid school counselor certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards at the time of application for the renewal of the professional certificate. Such renewal shall be valid for five years or until the expiration of the National Board Certificate, whichever is greater. Such renewal is only available one time during the validity period of the National Board Certificate and cannot be the same National Board Certificate used to obtain the professional certificate.

(d) Application for certificate renewals shall not be submitted earlier than twelve months prior to the expiration date of the current renewal.

Expired certificates may be renewed with completion of one hundred continuing education credit hours within the previous five years from the date of the five-year renewal application or by completing four professional growth plans as defined in WAC 181-79A-030. Individuals completing fewer than four annual professional growth plans must complete necessary continuing education credits needed to be the equivalent of one hundred clock hours.

An expired certificate may be renewed for an additional five-year period by presenting evidence to the superintendent of public instruc-

tion of completing the continuing education credit hour or professional growth plan requirement within the five years prior to the date of the renewal application.

(e) In addition to other requirements of this chapter, completion of the suicide prevention training requirement as described in WAC 181-85-075 is required for renewal of a professional school counselor certificate.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 28A.410 and 28A.413 RCW. WSR 19-15-110, § 181-79A-2511, filed 7/22/19, effective 8/22/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220 and 2017 3rd sp.s. c 26. WSR 18-10-062, § 181-79A-2511, filed 4/30/18, effective 5/31/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220. WSR 17-23-176, § 181-79A-2511, filed 11/21/17, effective 12/22/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 17-11-104, § 181-79A-2511, filed 5/22/17, effective 6/22/17; WSR 15-20-059, § 181-79A-2511, filed 10/1/15, effective 11/1/15.]

**WAC 181-79A-2512 School psychologist residency and professional certification—Renewal and reinstatement.** (1) **Residency.** School psychologists may renew their residency certificate in one of the following ways:

(a) An individual who holds a residency certificate may have their residency certificate renewed for an additional five-year period by the completion of one hundred continuing education hours as defined in chapter 181-85 WAC, directly related to the current performance-based standards as defined in WAC 181-78A-270(5), from an accredited institution of higher education, or four annual professional growth plans as defined in WAC 181-79A-030, completed within the previous five years from the date of the five-year renewal application. Individuals completing fewer than four annual professional growth plans must complete necessary continuing education credits needed to be the equivalent of one hundred clock hours.

Subsequent five-year renewals shall be issued based on completion of one hundred continuing education credit hours directly related to the current performance-based standards as defined in WAC 181-78A-270(5) since the issue date of the latest five-year residency renewal certificate, or four professional growth plans developed since the certificate was issued. Completion of four annual professional growth plans during each five-year period between subsequent lapse dates meets the requirement for renewal.

Individuals completing fewer than four annual professional growth plans must complete necessary continuing education credits needed to be the equivalent of one hundred clock hours. The professional growth plans must document formalized learning opportunities and professional development activities that relate to the standards and career level benchmarks defined in WAC 181-79A-207 for teachers, and as published by the professional educator standards board for administrators and educational staff associates.

Application for subsequent renewals shall not be submitted earlier than twelve months prior to the expiration date of the current renewal. Expired five-year residency renewal certificates may be renewed with completion of one hundred continuing education credit hours within the previous five years from the date of the five-year renewal application or by completing four professional growth plans as defined in WAC 181-79A-030. Individuals completing fewer than four annual pro-

fessional growth plans must complete necessary continuing education credits needed to be the equivalent of one hundred clock hours.

An expired certificate may be renewed for an additional five-year period by presenting evidence to the superintendent of public instruction of completing the continuing education credit hour or professional growth plan requirement within the five years prior to the date of the renewal application.

Candidates who apply for the five-year residency renewal certificate who have not successfully completed course work or an in-service program on issues of abuse, must complete the abuse course work requirement as defined in WAC 181-79A-030(6) and required under RCW 28A.410.2212.

(b) School psychologists with residency certificates dated to expire June 30, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, or 2017, may apply until June 30, 2016, for a two-year extension. These individuals may apply for a second two-year extension until June 30, 2020.

(c) Beginning September 1, 2020, in addition to other requirements of this chapter, completion of the suicide prevention training requirement as described in WAC 181-85-075 will be required for renewal of a residency school psychologist certificate.

(2) **Professional.** Individuals who hold a professional certificate may have that certificate renewed for additional five-year periods by:

(a) Completion of one hundred continuing education credit hours as defined in chapter 181-85 WAC since the certificate was issued and which relate to the current performance-based standards as defined in WAC 181-78A-540(2); or

(b) Completion of four professional growth plans that are developed annually since the certificate was issued. Individuals completing fewer than four annual professional growth plans must complete necessary continuing education credits needed to be the equivalent of one hundred clock hours.

(c) A school psychologist professional certificate may be renewed based on the possession of a valid nationally certified school psychologist credential issued by the National Association of School Psychologists at the time of application for the renewal of the professional certificate. Such renewal shall be valid for five years or until the expiration of the nationally certified school psychologist credential, whichever is greater. Such renewal is only available one time during the validity period of the nationally certified school psychologist (NCSP) credential and cannot be the same nationally certified school psychologist credential used to obtain the professional certificate.

(d) Provided, application for certificate renewals shall not be submitted earlier than twelve months prior to the expiration date of the current renewal.

Expired certificates may be renewed with completion of one hundred continuing education credit hours within the previous five years from the date of the five-year renewal application or by completing four professional growth plans as defined in WAC 181-79A-030. Individuals completing fewer than four annual professional growth plans must complete necessary continuing education credits needed to be the equivalent of one hundred clock hours.

An expired certificate may be renewed for an additional five-year period by presenting evidence to the superintendent of public instruction of completing the continuing education credit hour or professional growth plan requirement within the five years prior to the date of the renewal application.



(e) In addition to other requirements of this chapter, completion of the suicide prevention training requirement as described in WAC 181-85-075 is required for renewal of a professional school psychologist certificate.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 28A.410 and 28A.413 RCW. WSR 19-15-110, § 181-79A-2512, filed 7/22/19, effective 8/22/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220. WSR 17-23-176, § 181-79A-2512, filed 11/21/17, effective 12/22/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 15-20-059, § 181-79A-2512, filed 10/1/15, effective 11/1/15.]

**WAC 181-79A-252 First peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions certificates—Renewal and continuing education requirements.** The following shall apply to first peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions certificates issued pursuant to this chapter:

A first peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions certificate may be renewed for an additional five-year period on application and verification that the individual has met tribal renewal/continuing education requirements.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 08-03-100, § 181-79A-252, filed 1/20/08, effective 2/20/08; WSR 07-12-006, § 181-79A-252, filed 5/24/07, effective 6/24/07.]

**WAC 181-79A-253 Reinstatement of continuing certificates and initial ESA certificates.** A continuing certificate may be reinstated. An initial ESA certificate may be reinstated. A holder of a lapsed, surrendered, or revoked initial ESA or continuing certificate at the time of application for reinstatement of such certificate must submit the following:

(1) Character evidence as required by WAC 181-79A-150(2) for candidates for certification.

(2) In accordance with RCW 28A.410.110, a revoked certificate may not be reinstated within one calendar year from the date of revocation.

(3) Provided, That no certificate may be reinstated if more than five calendar years has passed since the date of surrender or revocation; however, such applicants may apply pursuant to WAC 181-79A-124 for a new certificate under requirements in effect at the time of application.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 28A.410 and 28A.413 RCW. WSR 19-15-110, § 181-79A-253, filed 7/22/19, effective 8/22/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 10-16-124, § 181-79A-253, filed 8/3/10, effective 9/3/10; WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-253, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-253, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010 and 28A.305.130 (1) and (2). WSR 99-23-023, § 180-79A-253, filed 11/9/99, effective 12/10/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-253, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.]

## CERTIFICATION FOR OUT-OF-STATE/FOREIGN TRAINED APPLICANTS

**WAC 181-79A-255 Certification of out-of-state trained educational personnel—Interstate educational personnel contracts.** The superintendent of public instruction is authorized to enter into interstate educational personnel contracts with states party to the interstate agreement on qualifications of educational personnel in accordance with provisions of RCW 28A.690.010 and 28A.690.020 which authorize on an interstate basis Washington state certification of persons of other states having preparation and qualifications comparable even though not identical to Washington professional educator standards board standards.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-255, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-255, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-255, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.]

**WAC 181-79A-257 Out-of-state candidates.** Candidates for certification from other states who meet the general certificate requirements described in WAC 181-79A-150 (1) and (2) shall be eligible for Washington certificates as follows:

(1) Residency certificates. The residency certificate shall be issued by the superintendent of public instruction to any candidate who meets requirements for the residency certificate including testing requirements as described in RCW 28A.410.220, and who meets one of the following:

(a) Holds the appropriate degree and, if applicable, credit hours and/or licensing as set forth in this chapter, and has completed a state approved preparation program in the professional field for which the certificate is to be issued and such additional professional fields as required by WAC 181-79A-150(4). Such programs shall include a defined course of study and a supervised internship.

(b) Provided, That if a candidate for teacher, administrator or educational staff associate certification does not meet the qualifications described in (a) of this subsection, a residency certificate shall be issued to a candidate who:

(i) Holds an appropriate degree from an accredited college or university.

(ii) Holds or has held a certificate in the role, comparable to a residency certificate, issued by another state and has practiced at the P-12 level in the role outside the state of Washington for at least three years.

(c) Holds an appropriate degree from an accredited college or university and has practiced three years as an educational staff associate in that role in a state where such certificate was not required.

(d) Holds a valid Nationally Certified School Psychologist (NCSP) credential issued by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP); and applies for a residency educational staff associated school psychologist certificate.

(2) Professional certificate. After August 31, 2000, the professional certificate shall be issued to out-of-state candidates if the candidate meets requirements for the residency certificate including testing requirements as described in RCW 28A.410.220, meets the child abuse course work requirement as described in WAC 181-79A-206 (3)(b), and if one of the following conditions is met:

(a) The candidate has completed an advanced level certification procedure approved by the professional educator standards board as equivalent to the approved program procedure required in Washington; or

(b) The candidate holds a valid teaching certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; or

(c) The candidate holds a valid school counselor certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; or

(d) A Washington state college or university with an approved professional certificate program verifies that the candidate has met all the requirements of that institution's approved program. The college/university shall evaluate the candidate's background to determine whether or not course work or certification activities are equivalent to that college/university's approved program.

(3) As per RCW 18.340.020 out-of-state candidates who are military spouses shall receive expedited issuance of the appropriate certificate in accordance with this section.

(4) Out-of-state candidates must meet the assessment requirements per chapters 181-01 and 181-02 WAC. Equivalent assessments will be published by the board.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220. WSR 18-21-011, § 181-79A-257, filed 10/4/18, effective 11/4/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 15-23-013, § 181-79A-257, filed 11/6/15, effective 12/7/15; WSR 14-13-006, § 181-79A-257, filed 6/5/14, effective 7/6/14; WSR 11-15-038, § 181-79A-257, filed 7/13/11, effective 8/13/11; WSR 09-16-018, § 181-79A-257, filed 7/24/09, effective 8/24/09; WSR 07-20-047, § 181-79A-257, filed 9/26/07, effective 10/27/07; WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-257, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-257, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 05-04-054, § 180-79A-257, filed 1/28/05, effective 2/28/05; WSR 04-21-005, § 180-79A-257, filed 10/7/04, effective 11/7/04; WSR 04-04-011, § 180-79A-257, filed 1/23/04, effective 2/23/04; WSR 04-04-009, § 180-79A-257, filed 1/23/04, effective 2/23/04; WSR 01-18-043, § 180-79A-257, filed 8/29/01, effective 9/29/01; WSR 01-13-108, § 180-79A-257, filed 6/20/01, effective 7/21/01; WSR 00-23-005, § 180-79A-257, filed 11/2/00, effective 12/3/00; WSR 00-03-048, § 180-79A-257, filed 1/14/00, effective 2/14/00. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-257, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.]

**WAC 181-79A-260 Establishing equivalency for course work, degrees and programs completed in countries outside the United States.** Certification candidates who have completed degree and/or approved professional preparation programs in a country other than the United States may be required to provide one or more of the following:

(1) A transcript from a regionally accredited United States college or university indicating that the college/university has accepted the degree as equivalent to its degree.

(2) A statement of degree equivalency for the appropriate degree from a foreign credentials' evaluation agency approved by the office of the superintendent of public instruction.

(3) A statement from an official of the college or university where the certification program was completed, indicating completion of the program and approval of the program by the agency governing certification in that country.

[WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-260, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 00-03-050, § 180-79A-260, filed 1/14/00, effective 2/14/00. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-260, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.]