

**WAC 246-980-020 Long-term care workers and home care aide certification.** Any person who is hired on or after January 7, 2012, as a long-term care worker for the elderly or persons with disabilities, regardless of the employment title, must obtain certification as a home care aide, unless exempt under WAC 246-980-025. This includes, but is not limited to:

(1) An individual provider of home care services who is reimbursed by the state;

(2) A direct care employee of a home care agency;

(3) A provider of home care services to persons with developmental disabilities under Title 71A RCW;

(4) A direct care worker in a state licensed assisted living facility;

(5) A direct care worker in a state licensed adult family home;

(6) A respite care provider who is reimbursed by the state or employed by a private agency or facility licensed by the state to provide personal care services; and

(7) Any other direct care workers providing home or community-based services to the elderly or persons with developmental disabilities.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.88B.021. WSR 18-20-072, § 246-980-020, filed 9/28/18, effective 10/29/18. Statutory Authority: Chapters 18.88B and 18.130 RCW, 2012 c 164, and 2013 c 259. WSR 13-19-087, § 246-980-020, filed 9/18/13, effective 10/19/13. Statutory Authority: 2012 c 1 (Initiative 1163) and chapter 18.88B RCW. WSR 12-08-043, § 246-980-020, filed 3/30/12, effective 4/4/12. Statutory Authority: Chapters 18.88B and 74.39A RCW. WSR 10-15-103, § 246-980-020, filed 7/20/10, effective 1/1/11.]