

WAC 388-71-0990 How many hours of continuing education are required each year? (1) From January 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012, individual providers and home care agency long-term care workers whose birth date occurs January 1 through June 30, and the required basic training was previously completed must complete ten hours of continuing education. If ten hours of continuing education were completed between January 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012 for an individual provider or home care agency long term care worker, regardless of their birth date, then the continuing education requirements have been met for 2012.

(2) Effective July 1, 2012, certified home care aides must complete twelve hours of continuing education each year after obtaining certification as described in department of health WAC 246-980-110 and 246-12-020(3).

(3) If exempt from certification as described in RCW 18.88B.041, all long-term care workers must complete twelve hours of continuing education each year unless exempt from continuing education as described in WAC 388-71-1001.

(4) A long-term care worker or certified home care aide who did not complete the continuing education requirements by the timeframe described in (1) above or in WAC 388-71-0991 cannot be paid to provide care after that date and cannot be reinstated as a long-term care worker until they complete the continuing education requirements.

(5) One hour of completed classroom instruction or other form of training (such as a video or online course) equals one hour of continuing education. The training entity must establish a way for the long-term care worker to ask the instructor questions.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.09.520. WSR 13-02-023, § 388-71-0990, filed 12/20/12, effective 1/20/13.]