

**RCW 18.360.030 Minimum qualifications—Rules—Review of other specialties.** (1) The secretary shall adopt rules specifying the minimum qualifications for a medical assistant-certified, medical assistant-hemodialysis technician, medical assistant-phlebotomist, and forensic phlebotomist.

(a) The qualifications for a medical assistant-hemodialysis technician must be equivalent to the qualifications for hemodialysis technicians regulated pursuant to \*chapter 18.135 RCW as of January 1, 2012.

(b) The qualifications for a forensic phlebotomist must include training consistent with the occupational safety and health administration guidelines and must include between twenty and thirty hours of work in a clinical setting with the completion of more than one hundred successful venipunctures. The secretary may not require more than forty hours of classroom training for initial training, which may include online preclass homework.

(2) The secretary shall adopt rules that establish the minimum requirements necessary for a health care practitioner, clinic, or group practice to endorse a medical assistant as qualified to perform the duties authorized by this chapter and be able to file an attestation of that endorsement with the department.

(3) The Washington medical commission, the board of osteopathic medicine and surgery, the podiatric medical board, the \*\*nursing care quality assurance commission, the board of naturopathy, and the optometry board shall each review and identify other specialty assistive personnel not included in this chapter and the tasks they perform. The department of health shall compile the information from each disciplining authority listed in this subsection and submit the compiled information to the legislature no later than December 15, 2012. [2019 c 55 § 8; 2017 c 336 § 16; 2012 c 153 § 4.]

**Reviser's note:** \*(1) Chapter 18.135 RCW was repealed by 2012 c 153 § 20.

\*\* (2) The reference to "nursing care quality assurance commission" was changed to "board of nursing" by 2023 c 123.

**Finding—2017 c 336:** See note following RCW 9.96.060.

**Effective date—2012 c 153 §§ 1-12, 14, 16, and 18:** See note following RCW 18.360.005.

**Rules—2012 c 153:** See note following RCW 18.360.005.