

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, including teachers, career and technical education educators, 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, administrator, educational staff associate, career and technical education, or first peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions teacher 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. 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.** Candidates for certification must complete assessments under chapters 181-01, 181-02, 181-79A WAC, and RCW 28A.410.220.

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