

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

(1) **Initial and professional certificates:**

(a) **Initial certificates.** The initial administrator certificates are valid for seven years. Initial administrator certificates shall not be subject to renewal. 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, school behavior analyst, and school orientation and mobility specialist are subject to renewal.

(b) **Professional certificates.** Initial administrator and educational staff associate certificate holders shall be issued a professional 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.

(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) 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 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.

(c) A first issue residency teacher certificate remains undated until the teacher has two years of 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 renewal requirements under WAC 181-79A-240 and 181-79A-244.

(d) **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. 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.

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