Chapter 181-01 WAC
WEST-B ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

WAC 181-01-001 WEST-B extension. Candidates who are prepared and/or certified out-of-state applying for a Washington state residency teaching certificate under WAC 181-79A-257 (1)(b) or 181-79A-260 have up to one calendar year from issuance of temporary permit to pass the WEST-B basic skills test, provided that they have completed all other requirements for residency certification other than passage of the WEST-B and are thus eligible for a temporary permit under WAC 181-79A-128.


WAC 181-01-002 WEST-B exemptions. (1) Candidates who are prepared and/or certified out-of-state applying for a Washington state residency teaching certificate under WAC 181-79A-257 (1)(b) or 181-79A-260, or out-of-state candidates applying to masters-degree level teacher preparation programs residing outside of the state of Washington at time of application, in lieu of passing the WEST-B, may provide official documentation of scores on the Praxis I of 177 for the reading subtest, 176 for the mathematics subtest and 174 for the writing subtest, or scores on the Praxis I CBT computer-administered test of 325 for the reading subtest, 321 for the mathematics subtest, and 321 for the writing subtest, or passing scores from California or Oregon on the CBEST.

(2) Candidates applying for a Washington state residency or professional teaching certificate under WAC 181-79A-257 (1)(b) who hold a certificate through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards are exempt from the WEST-B requirement.


WAC 181-01-004 Appeals process. The Washington professional educator standards board may permit exceptions from the assessment requirements under RCW 28A.410.220 (1) and (2) on a case-by-case basis. Consistent with the discretion accorded to the professional educator standards board in RCW 28A.410.220(3), the exemptions and extensions provided for in WAC 181-01-001, 181-01-002, 181-02-001 and 181-02-002, shall be the sole exceptions to the WEST-B and WEST-E assessment requirements.