

**WAC 181-79A-131 Use of fee for certification.** (1) Certification fees will be used solely for precertification preparation, program evaluation, professional in-service training programs, and/or provision of certification services by educational service districts in accordance with this chapter.

(2) Precertification preparation:

(a) The primary utilization shall be to support collaborative efforts essential to program development, program evaluation, and assessment of candidates' entry and exit competency.

(b) Funds set aside for precertification shall not supplant funds already available to any participating agency.

(c) Until September 1, 2013, a single educational service district may be designated to administer the funds allocated for precertification programs. The designated educational service district shall be permitted to retain a percentage of the precertification fees at a rate to be negotiated by the superintendent of public instruction and the educational service district for costs related to administering these funds. After September 1, 2013, the office of the superintendent of public instruction may be designated to administer the funds allocated for precertification purposes per RCW 28A.410.200(7).

(d) Each quarter, for any fees collected, every educational service district shall forward the moneys designated for precertification programs to the educational service district designated to administer such programs.

(3) Professional in-service training programs and teachers' institutes and/or workshops:

(a) Beginning with the state fiscal year 2015, the professional educator standards board shall biennially issue a request for proposal to eligible in-service education agencies per WAC 181-85-045 to submit applications for funds for the purpose of offering in-service continuing education provided per reporting requirements published by the board.

(b) Cooperative agreements may be made among educational service districts to provide quality in-service education programs.

(c) Funds designated for in-service programs shall not supplant funds already available for such programs.

(4) Provision of certification services:

(a) The primary utilization shall be to support costs associated with operating educational service district certification offices to provide direct service to educators related to certification.

(b) Funds set aside for the provision of certification services shall not supplant funds already available to any educational service district until such time as educational service districts are no longer receiving certificate fees.

(5) Allowable expenditures. Funds may be used to support costs related to training, such as the payment of professional contractual services, per diem, travel costs, materials, printing, or released time. Nonallowable costs are college/university tuition and fees.

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