

WAC 181-79A-2511 School counselor residency and professional certification—Renewal and reinstatement. (1) **Residency.** School counselors may renew their residency certificate in one of the following ways:

(a) Individuals who hold a residency certificate may have their residency certificates renewed for an additional five-year period by the completion of one hundred continuing education hours as defined in chapter 181-85 WAC, directly related to the current performance-based standards as defined in WAC 181-78A-270(4) since the issuance of the residency certificate, or four annual professional growth plans as defined in WAC 181-79A-030, completed within the previous five years from the date of the five-year renewal application. Individuals completing fewer than four annual professional growth plans must complete necessary continuing education credits needed to be the equivalent of one hundred clock hours.

Subsequent five-year renewals shall be issued based on completion of one hundred continuing education credit hours directly related to the current performance-based standards as defined in WAC 181-78A-270(4) since the issue date of the latest five-year residency renewal certificate, or four professional growth plans developed since the certificate was issued. Completion of four annual professional growth plans during each five-year period between subsequent lapse dates meets the requirement for renewal.

Individuals completing fewer than four annual professional growth plans must complete necessary continuing education credits needed to be the equivalent of one hundred clock hours.

Application for subsequent renewals shall not be submitted earlier than twelve months prior to the expiration date of the current renewal.

Expired five-year residency renewal certificates may be renewed with completion of one hundred continuing education credit hours within the previous five years from the date of the five-year renewal application or by completing four professional growth plans as defined in WAC 181-79A-030. Individuals completing fewer than four annual professional growth plans must complete necessary continuing education credits needed to be the equivalent of one hundred clock hours.

An expired certificate may be renewed for an additional five-year period by presenting evidence to the superintendent of public instruction of completing the continuing education credit hour or professional growth plan requirement within the five years prior to the date of the renewal application.

Candidates who apply for the five-year residency renewal certificate who have not successfully completed course work or an in-service program on issues of abuse, must complete the abuse course work requirement as defined in WAC 181-79A-030(6) and required under RCW 28A.410.2212.

(b) A three-year renewal is available until June 30, 2020, for individuals who have held or hold a school counselor residency certificate that expires prior to July 1, 2019.

(c) Beginning September 1, 2020, in addition to other requirements of this chapter, completion of the suicide prevention training requirement as described in WAC 181-85-075 will be required for renewal of a residency school counselor certificate.

(2) **Professional.**

Individuals who hold a professional certificate may have that professional certificate renewed for additional five-year periods by:

(a) Completion of one hundred continuing education credit hours as defined in chapter 181-85 WAC since the certificate was issued and which relate to the current performance-based standards as defined in WAC 181-78A-270(4); or

(b) Completion of four professional growth plans, as defined in WAC 181-79A-030, that are developed annually since the certificate was issued. Individuals completing fewer than four annual professional growth plans must complete necessary continuing education credits needed to be the equivalent of one hundred clock hours.

(c) A school counselor professional certificate may be renewed based on the possession of a valid school counselor certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards at the time of application for the renewal of the professional certificate. Such renewal shall be valid for five years or until the expiration of the National Board Certificate, whichever is greater. Such renewal is only available one time during the validity period of the National Board Certificate and cannot be the same National Board Certificate used to obtain the professional certificate.

(d) Application for certificate renewals shall not be submitted earlier than twelve months prior to the expiration date of the current renewal.

Expired certificates may be renewed with completion of one hundred continuing education credit hours within the previous five years from the date of the five-year renewal application or by completing four professional growth plans as defined in WAC 181-79A-030. Individuals completing fewer than four annual professional growth plans must complete necessary continuing education credits needed to be the equivalent of one hundred clock hours.

An expired certificate may be renewed for an additional five-year period by presenting evidence to the superintendent of public instruction of completing the continuing education credit hour or professional growth plan requirement within the five years prior to the date of the renewal application.

(e) In addition to other requirements of this chapter, completion of the suicide prevention training requirement as described in WAC 181-85-075 is required for renewal of a professional school counselor certificate.

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