

WAC 181-79A-240 Certificate renewal and reinstatement. (1) **Certificate types and roles.** Certificate types under WAC 181-79A-142(1), for the certificate roles under WAC 181-79A-140, are renewed or reinstated as described in this section unless otherwise provided for in Title 181 WAC.

(2) **Validity period.** Unless otherwise specified in Title 181 WAC, certificates have a five year validity period. Certificate expiration dates are calculated under WAC 181-79A-117.

(3) **Renewal of valid certificates.**

(a) **Continuing education requirement:** Certificates are renewed with one hundred continuing education credit hours as described under chapter 181-85 WAC. All other requirements for renewal of the specific certificate type and role must be met.

(b) Applications for certificate renewal may not be submitted more than five years prior to the current certificate expiration date.

(c) If the individual holds a certificate with a validity period of **five years or more**, the continuing education credit hours for certificate renewal must be completed after the issuance of the most recent certificate.

(d) If the individual holds a certificate with a validity period **less than five years**, continuing education credit hours for certificate renewal must be completed within five years prior to the certificate renewal application date.

(4) **Renewal of expired certificates:**

(a) Evidence of one hundred continuing education credit hours as described under chapter 181-85 WAC, completed within five years prior to the certificate application date, must be submitted to the superintendent of public instruction for renewal of an expired certificate. All other requirements for renewal of a valid certificate of that type and role must be met.

(b) The applicant must submit a fingerprint background check, evidence of character and fitness, and all other requirements under WAC 181-79A-150(2) for certificate candidates.

(c) The expiration date on the renewed certificate will be calculated as if it were a new certificate issued under WAC 181-79A-117.

(5) **Reinstatement of revoked, surrendered, or suspended certificates with an expiration date before the reinstatement application date:**

(a) For revoked or surrendered certificates, the applicant must meet all conditions for reinstatement under chapter 181-86 WAC. For suspended certificates, the applicant must meet all conditions in the order of suspension under WAC 181-86-035.

(b) Evidence of one hundred continuing education credit hours as described under chapter 181-85 WAC, completed within five years prior to the certificate application date, must be submitted to the superintendent of public instruction for reinstatement of a certificate. All other requirements for renewal of a certificate of that type and role must be met for reinstatement. Instead of completion of current certificate renewal or issuance requirements, individuals eligible under WAC 181-79A-123 may meet certificate renewal or issuance requirements under previous standards.

(c) The applicant must submit a fingerprint background check, evidence of character and fitness, and all other requirements under WAC 181-79A-150(2) for certificate candidates.

(d) The expiration date on the reinstated certificate will be calculated as if it were a new certificate issued under WAC 181-79A-117.

(e) Under RCW 28A.410.110, a revoked certificate may not be reinstated within one calendar year from the date of revocation.

(6) Reinstatement of revoked, surrendered, or suspended certificates with an expiration date after the reinstatement application date:

(a) For revoked or surrendered certificates, the applicant must meet all conditions for reinstatement under chapter 181-86 WAC. For suspended certificates, the applicant must meet all conditions in the order of suspension under WAC 181-86-035.

(b) The applicant must submit a fingerprint background check, evidence of character and fitness, and all other requirements under WAC 181-79A-150(2) for certificate candidates.

(c) The expiration date on the reinstated certificate will be the same as the certificate which was revoked or suspended.

(d) Under RCW 28A.410.110, a revoked certificate may not be reinstated within one calendar year from the date of revocation.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW. WSR 21-15-085, § 181-79A-240, filed 7/16/21, effective 8/16/21.]