

WAC 246-840-125 Retired active credential. (1) A registered or licensed practical nurse may place their credential in "retired active" status by meeting the requirements of this section.

(2) A registered or licensed practical nurse who holds a retired active credential may only practice in intermittent or emergent circumstances.

(a) Intermittent means the registered or licensed practical nurse will practice no more than ninety days a year.

(b) Emergent means the registered or licensed practical nurse will practice only in emergency circumstances such as earthquakes, floods, times of declared war, or other states of emergency.

(3) To obtain a retired active credential a registered or a licensed practical nurse must:

(a) Meet the requirements in WAC 246-12-120.

(b) Pay the appropriate fee in WAC 246-840-990.

(4) To renew a retired active credential the registered nurse or licensed practical nurse must:

(a) Meet the requirements in WAC 246-12-130. The retired active credential fee is in WAC 246-840-990.

(b) Have completed eight hours of continuing nursing education within a twelve-month period prior to the renewal of licensure in compliance with WAC 246-840-220 (2)(b). Education may include CPR and first aid.

(c) Demonstrate they have practiced at least twenty-four hours within a twelve-month period prior to the renewal of licensure. Practice may be paid or volunteer, but must require nursing knowledge or a nursing license.

(d) Renew their retired active credential every year on their birthday.

(5) To return to active status the registered or licensed practical nurse must meet the requirements in WAC 246-12-140. The active renewal fee is in WAC 246-840-990.

(6) A registered or licensed practical nurse who holds a retired active credential is subject to a continuing competency audit as outlined in WAC 246-840-220 and 246-840-230.

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