

**WAC 246-976-139 Provisional certification.** (1) An individual may apply for a provisional certification to engage in supervised practice as a certified EMS provider for the level they have applied for. Upon completion of any EMS service field training and MPD integration criteria, an applicant may apply for full certification. A provisional certification is valid for up to six months. There is no renewal option for a provisional certification.

(2) To apply for a provisional certification, an applicant must:

(a) Submit a completed application on forms provided by the department;

(b) Be at least 18 years of age and provide their date of birth on the initial certification application. Variances to this age requirement will not be granted;

(c) Successfully complete a background check provided by the department. The background check may include the requirement for fingerprint card and FBI background check. If an applicant has submitted fingerprints and has been informed by the department that their fingerprints were rejected and must be redone, the applicant may request a temporary practice permit in accordance with WAC 246-12-050;

(d) Provide proof of a high school diploma or GED for EMT, AEMT, and paramedic level certifications;

(e) Provide proof of competency and a current and valid certification from another state or national organization recognized by the department;

(f) Provide proof of active membership paid or volunteer with a licensed aid or ambulance service, or an EMS service supervisory organization (ESSO) recognized by the department; and

(g) Be recommended by the county medical program director. The county medical program director must sign the application.

(3) A person holding a provisional certification may apply for full certification upon successful completion of any EMS service field training and MPD integration criteria. To apply for certification, an applicant must:

(a) Submit a completed application on forms provided by the department;

(b) Provide proof of active membership paid or volunteer with a licensed aid or ambulance service, or an EMS service supervisory organization (ESSO) recognized by the department; and

(c) Be recommended by the county medical program director. The county medical program director must sign the application.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.71.205, 18.73.081, 43.70.040, 70.168.050, 2017 c 70, 2017 c 295, 2020 c 76, 2021 c 276, 2019 c 314, 2021 c 69, and 2022 c 136. WSR 24-15-104, § 246-976-139, filed 7/22/24, effective 9/30/24.]