

# Title 300 WAC

## STATE BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION OF LIBRARIANS

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**WAC 300-12-010 Purpose of certification.** The purpose of certification of librarians is to:

- (1) Secure qualified librarians through the setting up of definite compulsory standards;
  - (2) Protect librarians by maintaining standards within the profession;
  - (3) Protect employers from incompetent personnel.
- [Rules (part), filed 4/13/66; Rules (part), filed 3/16/60.]

**WAC 300-12-015 Eligibility for certification.** The Washington state board for certification of librarians shall issue librarians' certificates:

- (1) Without examination to applicants who are graduates of library schools accredited by the American Library Association.
  - (2) By examination to:
    - (a) Applicants holding the bachelor's degree from a recognized institution, and
      - (i) Are also graduates of a curriculum in librarianship not accredited by the American Library Association
      - (ii) Are recommended for the certificate by the person in charge of the librarianship curriculum pursued by the applicant
      - (iii) Have the attainments and abilities equivalent to those of a library school graduate.
    - (b) Applicants who are graduates of a foreign university and have both library education and library experience; provided their credits are evaluated as meeting University of Washington graduate admission standards.
- [Rules (part), filed 4/13/66; Rules (part), filed 3/16/60.]

**WAC 300-12-020 Equivalency policy.** To test for "attainments and abilities equivalent to those of a library school graduate," the content of the basic professional curriculum in librarianship will be expressed in the examination. The candidate will be expected to understand the principles and methods of selecting, acquiring and organizing library materials by means of cataloging, classification and bibliography and be able to perform these and other operations effectively. He

should be familiar with the literature of the broad subject fields and the sources of bibliographical and factual information. He should have an understanding of government, social institutions and the role of the library in a democratic society, and be able to initiate and carry out suitable programs of library service. [Rules (part), filed 4/13/66; Rules (part), filed 3/16/60.]