

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 forty-five hours of continuing nursing education every three years in compliance with WAC 246-840-220 (2)(b). Education may include CPR and first aid.

(c) Demonstrate they have practiced at least ninety-six hours every three years. 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:

(a) Meet the requirements in WAC 246-12-140. The active renewal fee is in WAC 246-840-990.

(b) Meet the continuing competency requirements in WAC 246-840-230 (5)(d).

(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, 246-840-230, and 246-840-240.

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