

**Chapter 181-79A WAC**  
**STANDARDS FOR TEACHER, ADMINISTRATOR, AND EDUCATIONAL STAFF ASSOCIATE**  
**CERTIFICATION**

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- pealed by WSR 21-15-085, filed 7/16/21, effective 8/16/21. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-115 Validity date. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-115, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-115, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 21-15-085, filed 7/16/21, effective 8/16/21. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-118 Expiration and lapse dates of certificates. [Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW. WSR 21-04-104, § 181-79A-118, filed 2/1/21, effective 3/4/21; WSR 20-16-032, § 181-79A-118, filed 7/25/20, effective 8/25/20.] Repealed by WSR 21-15-085, filed 7/16/21, effective 8/16/21. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-207 Standards for teachers with professional certification. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 09-20-088, § 181-79A-207, filed 10/6/09, effective 11/6/09.] Repealed by WSR 21-15-085, filed 7/16/21, effective 8/16/21. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-213 Issues of abuse course work requirement for continuing certification—Administrators. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 10-08-018, § 181-79A-213, filed 3/29/10, effective 4/29/10; WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-213, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-213, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 04-04-011, § 180-79A-213, filed 1/23/04, effective 2/23/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010 and 28A.305.130 (1) and (2). WSR 99-23-023, § 180-79A-213, filed 11/9/99, effective 12/10/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-213, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.] Repealed by WSR 21-15-085, filed 7/16/21, effective 8/16/21. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-226 Issues of abuse course work requirement for certification—Educational staff associate. [Statutory Authority: Chapters 28A.410 and 28A.413 RCW. WSR 19-15-110, § 181-79A-226, filed 7/22/19, effective 8/22/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-226, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-226, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.401.010 [28A.410.010]. WSR 04-21-040, § 180-79A-226, filed 10/15/04, effective 11/15/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 04-04-011, § 180-79A-226, filed 1/23/04, effective 2/23/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010 and 28A.305.130 (1) and (2). WSR 99-23-023, § 180-79A-226, filed 11/9/99, effective 12/10/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-226, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.] Repealed by WSR 21-15-085, filed 7/16/21, effective 8/16/21. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-250 Initial and continuing certificates—Renewal, reinstatement, and continuing education requirements. [Statutory Authority: Chapters 28A.410 and 28A.413 RCW. WSR 19-15-110, § 181-79A-250, filed 7/22/19, effective 8/22/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220. WSR 18-10-063, § 181-79A-250, filed 4/30/18, effective 5/31/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 17-11-104, § 181-79A-250, filed 5/22/17, effective 6/22/17; WSR 11-15-051, § 181-79A-250, filed 7/15/11, effective 8/15/11; WSR 10-16-124, § 181-79A-250, filed 8/3/10, effective 9/3/10; WSR 10-08-018, § 181-79A-250, filed 3/29/10, effective 4/29/10; WSR 10-03-019, § 181-79A-250, filed 1/8/10, effective 2/8/10; WSR 08-15-141, § 181-79A-250, filed 7/22/08, effective 8/22/08; WSR 07-20-047, § 181-79A-250, filed 9/26/07, effective 10/27/07; WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-250, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-250, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 05-23-043, § 180-79A-250, filed 11/9/05, effective 12/10/05; WSR 05-15-053, § 180-79A-250, filed 7/12/05, effective 8/12/05; WSR 04-21-040, § 180-79A-250, filed 10/15/04, effective 11/15/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 and 28A.410.010. WSR 02-18-037, § 180-79A-250, filed 8/26/02, effective 9/26/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 01-13-111, § 180-79A-250, filed 6/20/01, effective 7/21/01; WSR 01-09-004, § 180-79A-250, filed 4/5/01, effective 5/6/01; WSR 00-03-048, § 180-79A-250, filed 1/14/00, effective 2/14/00. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-250, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.] Repealed by WSR 21-15-085, filed 7/16/21, effective 8/16/21. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-251 Teacher residency and professional certification—Renewal and reinstatement. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220. WSR 18-08-064, § 181-79A-251, filed 4/2/18, effective 5/3/18; WSR 17-23-176, § 181-79A-251, filed 11/21/17, effective 12/22/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 16-24-029, § 181-79A-251, filed 11/30/16, effective 12/31/16; WSR 16-07-103, § 181-79A-251, filed 3/18/16, effective 4/18/16; WSR 15-20-059, § 181-79A-251, filed 10/1/15, effective 11/1/15; WSR 14-24-057, § 181-79A-251, filed 11/25/14, effective 12/26/14; WSR 14-16-105, § 181-79A-251, filed 8/6/14, effective 9/6/14; WSR 14-09-121, § 181-79A-251, filed 4/23/14, effective 5/24/14; WSR 13-16-081, § 181-79A-251, filed 8/6/13, effective 9/6/13; WSR 13-11-072, § 181-79A-251, filed 5/16/13, effective 6/16/13; WSR 13-04-082, § 181-79A-251, filed 2/5/13, effective 3/8/13; WSR 12-18-005, § 181-79A-251, filed 8/23/12, effective 9/23/12; WSR 12-07-076, § 181-79A-251, filed 3/20/12, effective 4/20/12; WSR 10-16-124, § 181-79A-251, filed 8/3/10, effective 9/3/10.] Repealed by WSR 21-15-085, filed 7/16/21, effective 8/16/21. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-2510 Principal and program administrator residency and professional certification—Renewal and reinstatement. [Statutory Authority: Chapters 28A.410 and 28A.413 RCW. WSR 19-15-143, § 181-79A-2510, filed 7/24/19, effective 8/24/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220. WSR 17-23-176, § 181-79A-2510, filed 11/21/17, effective 12/22/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 16-07-103, § 181-79A-2510, filed 3/18/16, effective 4/18/16; WSR 15-20-059, § 181-79A-2510, filed 10/1/15, effective 11/1/15.] Repealed by WSR 21-15-085, filed 7/16/21, effective 8/16/21. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-2511 School counselor residency and professional certification—Renewal and reinstatement. [Statutory Authority: Chapters 28A.410 and 28A.413 RCW. WSR 19-15-110, § 181-79A-2511, filed 7/22/19, effective 8/22/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220 and 2017 3rd sp.s.c 26. WSR 18-10-062, § 181-79A-2511, filed 4/30/18, effective 5/31/18. Statutory Authority:

ty: RCW 28A.410.220. WSR 17-23-176, § 181-79A-2511, filed 11/21/17, effective 12/22/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 17-11-104, § 181-79A-2511, filed 5/22/17, effective 6/22/17; WSR 15-20-059, § 181-79A-2511, filed 10/1/15, effective 11/1/15.] Repealed by WSR 21-15-085, filed 7/16/21, effective 8/16/21. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

- 181-79A-2512 School psychologist residency and professional certification—Renewal and reinstatement. [Statutory Authority: Chapters 28A.410 and 28A.413 RCW. WSR 19-15-110, § 181-79A-2512, filed 7/22/19, effective 8/22/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220. WSR 17-23-176, § 181-79A-2512, filed 11/21/17, effective 12/22/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 15-20-059, § 181-79A-2512, filed 10/1/15, effective 11/1/15.] Repealed by WSR 21-15-085, filed 7/16/21, effective 8/16/21. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-253 Reinstatement of continuing certificates and initial ESA certificates. [Statutory Authority: Chapters 28A.410 and 28A.413 RCW. WSR 19-15-110, § 181-79A-253, filed 7/22/19, effective 8/22/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 10-16-124, § 181-79A-253, filed 8/3/10, effective 9/3/10; WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-253, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-253, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010 and 28A.305.130 (1) and (2). WSR 99-23-023, § 180-79A-253, filed 11/9/99, effective 12/10/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-253, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.] Repealed by WSR 21-15-085, filed 7/16/21, effective 8/16/21. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-270 Teacher, principal, and educational staff associate exchange permits. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 17-13-061, § 181-79A-270, filed 6/15/17, effective 7/16/17. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-270, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-270, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.] Repealed by WSR 18-21-072, filed 10/11/18, effective 11/11/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220.
- 181-79A-299 Transition policies. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-299, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-299, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010 and 28A.305.130 (1) and (2). WSR 99-23-023, § 180-79A-299, filed 11/9/99, effective 12/10/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-299, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-300 Certificate endorsement. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-300, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-300, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010. WSR 00-18-064, § 180-79A-300, filed 9/1/00, effective 10/2/00. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 99-06-006, § 180-79A-300, filed 2/18/99, effective 3/21/99; WSR 98-01-027, § 180-79A-300, filed 12/8/97, effective 1/8/98; WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-300, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-302 Authorized endorsement for teachers. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-302, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 98-01-027, § 180-79A-302, filed 12/8/97, effective 1/8/98; WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-302, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-304 Minimum preparation for endorsements for teachers. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-304, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-304, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-304, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-304, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-306 Subject area endorsement recommendations by colleges and universities. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-306, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-306, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-306, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-308 Endorsement by examination. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-308, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 03-19-019, § 180-79A-308, filed 9/5/03, effective 10/6/03; WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-308, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-310 Subject area endorsements through SPI. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-310, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-310, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-312 Award of college or university credit hours for experience. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-312, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-312, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-315 In-service in lieu of college and university credit hours. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-315, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-315, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-315, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-317 Evaluation of in-service in lieu of college and university credit hours by PEAC. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-317, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-317, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06.

Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-317, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

- 181-79A-320 Agriculture education—Subject area endorsements. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-320, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-320, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-322 Anthropology—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-322, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-322, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-324 Art—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-324, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-324, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-326 Bilingual education—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-326, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-326, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-328 Biology—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-328, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-328, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-330 Business education—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-330, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-330, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-332 Chemistry—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-332, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-332, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-333 Comparative religion—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-333, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-333, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-334 Instructional technology (formerly computer science)—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-334, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-334, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-336 Designated foreign language—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-336, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-336, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-338 Drama—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-338, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-338, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-340 Early childhood education, regular—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-340, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 98-05-023, § 180-79A-340, filed 2/6/98, effective 3/9/98; WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-340, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-342 Early childhood education, special education—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-342, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-342, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-344 Earth science—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-344, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-344, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-346 Economics—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-346, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-346, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-348 Elementary education—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-348, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-348, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-350 English—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-350, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-350, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.
- 181-79A-352 English as a second language—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-352, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-352, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

181-79A-354 English/language arts—Broad subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-354, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-354, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

181-79A-356 Geography—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-356, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-356, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

181-79A-358 Health—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-358, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-358, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

181-79A-360 History—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-360, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-360, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

181-79A-362 Family and consumer sciences education (formerly home and family life education)—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-362, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-362, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

181-79A-364 Technology education (formerly industrial arts)—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-364, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-364, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

181-79A-366 Marketing education—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-366, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-366, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

181-79A-368 Journalism—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-368, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-368, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

181-79A-370 Learning resources—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-370, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-370, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

181-79A-372 Mathematics—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-372, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-372, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

181-79A-374 Music—Broad subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-374, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-374, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

181-79A-376 Choral music—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-376, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-376, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

181-79A-378 Instrumental music—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-378, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-378, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

181-79A-379 Philosophy—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-379, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-379, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

181-79A-380 Physical education—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-380, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-380, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

181-79A-382 Physics—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-382, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-382, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

181-79A-384 Political science—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-384, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-384, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

181-79A-386 Psychology—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-386, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-386, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

181-79A-388 Reading—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-388, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-388, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

181-79A-390 Science—Broad subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-390, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-390, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

181-79A-392 Sociology—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-392, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-392, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

181-79A-394 Social studies—Broad subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-394, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-394, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

181-79A-396 Special education—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-396, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-396, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

181-79A-398 Speech—Subject area endorsement. [WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-398, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-398, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.] Repealed by WSR 09-07-059, filed 3/12/09, effective 4/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

**WAC 181-79A-003 Authority.** The authority for this chapter is RCW 28A.410.010 which authorizes the professional educator standards board to establish, publish, and enforce rules and regulations determining eligibility for the certification of personnel employed in the common schools of this state. This authority is supplemented by RCW 28A.410.210(6) which authorizes the professional educator standards board to specify the types and kinds of certificates necessary for the several departments within the common schools. (Note: RCW 28A.195.010 (3)(a) requires most private school classroom teachers to hold appropriate state certification with few exceptions.)

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-003, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-003, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-003, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.]

## **BACKGROUND**

**WAC 181-79A-006 Purpose.** The purposes of this chapter are:

(1) To establish a performance-based certification system to be fully implemented for all teacher candidates applying for the residency certificate after August 31, 2000, and for all teacher candidates applying for the professional certificate after August 31, 2001. A performance-based certification system shall be fully implemented for all principals/program administrators applying for the residency certificate after August 31, 2004, and for all principal/program administrator candidates applying for the professional certificate after August 31, 2006. A performance-based professional certificate system shall be fully implemented for school psychologists and school counselors applying for the residency certificate after August 31, 2005, and for the professional certificate after August 31, 2007.

(2) To establish the various certificates which must be held as a condition to employment in the Washington school system. The performance-based certification system shall include the issuance of a residency certificate, a professional certificate, and other certificates which the professional educator standards board may add in the future.

(3) To establish the conditions and procedures governing issuance and retention of those and other certificates, including endorsements thereon.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 11-15-051, § 181-79A-006, filed 7/15/11, effective 8/15/11; WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-006, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-006, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 04-20-091, § 180-79A-006, filed 10/5/04, effective 11/5/04; WSR 00-03-048, § 180-79A-006, filed 1/14/00, effective 2/14/00. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-006, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.]

**WAC 181-79A-007 Public policy purposes of professional educator standards board performance-based certification system.** The policy purposes of professional educator standards board performance-based certification system are:

- (1) To provide qualified educators for the emerging performance-based P-12 education system.
- (2) To assure that practitioners are more directly involved in decisions related to professional practice.
- (3) To recognize that there is a distinction between the level of competence of beginning educators and the competency of educators who have been able to demonstrate their competencies at a professional level.
- (4) To assure that all educators demonstrate their competencies before attaining the status of a professional educator.
- (5) To establish a certificate level that recognizes service at a high level of achievement.
- (6) To establish a certification system that provides for continuing support and developmental assistance to individuals as they progress toward professional certification.
- (7) To prepare educators who are able to assess their professional growth and achievement in light of their impact on student learning.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-007, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-007, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 00-03-048, § 180-79A-007, filed 1/14/00, effective 2/14/00. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-007, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.]

**WAC 181-79A-030 Definitions.** The following definitions shall apply to terms used in this chapter:

- (1) The terms, "program approval," "endorsement," and "interstate compact," as defined in WAC 181-78A-010 shall apply to the provisions of this chapter.
- (2) "Certificate" means the license issued by the superintendent of public instruction to teachers, administrators, and educational staff associates verifying that the individual has met the requirements set forth in this chapter.

- (3) "Certificate renewal" means the process by which the validity of a valid or expired certificate is regained or extended.
- (4) "Certificate reinstatement" means the process by which the validity of a revoked, surrendered, or suspended certificate is regained.
- (5) "Continuing education" and "continuing education credit hours" are as defined in WAC 181-85-025 and 181-85-030.
- (6) "Expired certificate" means a certificate that is no longer valid and can only be renewed under WAC 181-79A-240. The expiration date is as calculated in WAC 181-79A-117.
- (7) "Issuance date" means the date a certificate was issued by the office of the superintendent of public instruction.
- (8) "Validity date" of a residency, professional, initial, continuing, limited certificate, permit, or any CTE certificate under chapter 181-77 WAC, means the actual date of issuance.
- (9) "Classroom teaching" means instructing students in an educational setting.
- (10) "Baccalaureate degree" means a baccalaureate degree or higher from an accredited college or university.
- (a) If a candidate was accepted into a program in Washington state on or before August 31, 2000, and completes the program on or before August 31, 2003, the candidate may hold a baccalaureate degree in any of the subject areas of the endorsements listed in chapter 181-82A WAC. Such degrees shall require the completion of at least forty-five quarter hours (thirty semester hours) of course work in the subject area.
- (b) If a candidate under (a) of this subsection holds a baccalaureate degree in another academic field, they will not be required to obtain a second baccalaureate degree if they provide evidence to the superintendent of public instruction that they have completed the required forty-five quarter or thirty semester hours of course work in one of the subject areas of the endorsements listed in chapter 181-82A WAC.
- (11) "Master's degree" for the purpose of this chapter, means a master's or higher degree from an accredited college or university.
- (12) "Credit hour(s)" means credit (normally 100 level or above) awarded by an accredited institution of higher education.
- (13) "Previous standards" means a certification system in place prior to a revision in rules that results in changed names and/or validity periods for the certificates issued.
- (14) "Application for certification" means an application for a certificate or endorsement that includes a signed affidavit (as specified in WAC 181-79A-157) by the applicant. Such application shall be considered valid for two years from the date of receipt by the superintendent of public instruction, or its designee.
- (15) "A positive impact on student learning" means that a teacher through instruction and assessment has been able to document students' increased knowledge and/or demonstration of a skill or skills related to the state goals and/or essential academic learning requirements. Teachers employed by private schools who are candidates for the professional teaching certificate shall document students' increased knowledge and/or demonstration of a skill or skills related to either:
- (a) The state goals or essential academic learning requirements;
- or
- (b) Such alternative learning goals as the private school has established.



(16) "Approved private school" means any organization of institution providing educational services to children including, but not limited to, approved private schools, state institutions, juvenile institutions, nonpublic agencies providing special education services, development centers, and bureau of Indian affairs schools.

(17) "College" or "university" means any accredited institution as defined in WAC 250-61-050.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW. WSR 21-15-085, § 181-79A-030, filed 7/16/21, effective 8/16/21; WSR 21-08-023, § 181-79A-030, filed 3/29/21, effective 4/29/21. Statutory Authority: Chapters 28A.410 and 28A.413 RCW. WSR 19-15-143, § 181-79A-030, filed 7/24/19, effective 8/24/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220. WSR 19-07-010, § 181-79A-030, filed 3/7/19, effective 4/7/19; WSR 18-08-064, § 181-79A-030, filed 4/2/18, effective 5/3/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 14-24-057, § 181-79A-030, filed 11/25/14, effective 12/26/14; WSR 13-20-026, § 181-79A-030, filed 9/23/13, effective 10/24/13; WSR 12-18-005, § 181-79A-030, filed 8/23/12, effective 9/23/12; WSR 10-16-124, § 181-79A-030, filed 8/3/10, effective 9/3/10; WSR 09-20-088, § 181-79A-030, filed 10/6/09, effective 11/6/09; WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-030, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-030, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 05-04-055, § 180-79A-030, filed 1/28/05, effective 2/28/05; WSR 04-04-011, § 180-79A-030, filed 1/23/04, effective 2/23/04; WSR 02-04-015, § 180-79A-030, filed 1/24/02, effective 2/24/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010, 28A.305.130 (1) and (2). WSR 01-03-153, § 180-79A-030, filed 1/24/01, effective 2/24/01; WSR 99-23-023, § 180-79A-030, filed 11/9/99, effective 12/10/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-030, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.]

**WAC 181-79A-105 Equivalency of standards.** Reasonable flexibility in interpretation of the requirements for certification may be applied consistent with the intent and spirit of the requirements of the appropriate chapter. An annual report of the use of this rule shall be submitted to the professional educator standards board by the superintendent of public instruction.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-105, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-105, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010 and 28A.305.130 (1) and (2). WSR 99-23-023, § 180-79A-105, filed 11/9/99, effective 12/10/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-105, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.]

**WAC 181-79A-110 Denial of application for certification or endorsement by approved professional preparation training institutions.** Any person whose application for certification or for an endorsement is denied by a professional educator standards board approved educator preparation program provider, after exhausting any appeal procedures established by the provider, may apply directly to the superintendent of public instruction for the certificate or endorsement.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW. WSR 21-15-085, § 181-79A-110, filed 7/16/21, effective 8/16/21. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-110, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-110, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.]

## GENERAL CERTIFICATION PROVISIONS

### **WAC 181-79A-117 Uniform expiration and renewal application date.**

(1) All certificates issued for one or more stated years shall expire on June 30th of the stated year and shall be calculated as follows:

(a) Certificates issued prior to June 30th of a calendar year, other than limited certificates issued under WAC 181-79A-231, shall have the expiration date of the certificate calculated on the basis such certificate was issued on June 30th of the same calendar year regardless of the date of issuance.

(b) Certificates issued July 1st or later in the calendar year, other than limited certificates issued under WAC 181-79A-231, shall have the expiration date of the certificate calculated on the basis such certificate was issued on June 30th of the next calendar year regardless of the date of issuance.

(c) Certificates subject to renewal under chapter 181-79A WAC shall have a renewal application submission deadline six months prior to the certificate's expiration date. Any application for renewal submitted after the January 1st submission deadline date is considered late.

(2) An applicant who holds a valid certificate, who submits an application for further certification prior to the expiration date of that certificate, and who meets all the requirements of WAC 181-79A-128, shall be granted a 180-day permit under chapter 181-79A WAC.

(3) Any educator in the National Guard, U.S. military branch reserves, or U.S. Coast Guard reserve who is called up to active duty by one of the U.S. military branches by order of an authorized agency or official of Washington state government, or by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for more than 30 consecutive days shall be granted an extension of the expiration date of their certificate. The extension shall be equal to the length of active duty service calculated to the next uniform expiration date.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW. WSR 24-14-077, § 181-79A-117, filed 6/28/24, effective 7/29/24; WSR 21-15-085, § 181-79A-117, filed 7/16/21, effective 8/16/21. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-117, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-117, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010 and 28A.305.130. WSR 04-04-088, § 180-79A-117, filed 2/3/04, effective 3/5/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010 and 28A.305.130 (1) through (4). WSR 03-14-120, § 180-79A-117, filed 6/30/03, effective 7/31/03; WSR 02-04-018, § 180-79A-117, filed 1/24/02, effective 2/24/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-117, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 98-05-024,

§ 180-79A-117, filed 2/6/98, effective 3/9/98; WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-117, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.]

**WAC 181-79A-120 Certificate replacement.** The superintendent of public instruction shall issue a replacement certificate to any person who files an application, pays the appropriate certification fee, and verifies by signature that the original certificate has been lost or destroyed or that a legal name change has occurred.

[WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-120, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-120, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.]

**WAC 181-79A-123 Certificates—Previous standards.** (1) Certificates issued under previous standards which were issued for a specific term shall continue to be effective for that term.

(2) Certificates issued under standards prior to September 1, 2000, which were issued for an indefinite period shall continue to be in effect.

(3) All persons who hold any lifetime standard teacher, administrator, or specialized personnel certificate issued under previous standards of the professional educator standards board shall be issued a lifetime continuing certificate at such time as it is necessary for them to reissue a standard certificate or on application and payment of the fee as specified in WAC 181-79A-130.

(4) Any person who holds a provisional principal's or provisional superintendent's certificate under previous standards of the professional educator standards board shall be issued upon application, including payment of applicable fees, a professional administrator's certificate for the appropriate role and such certificates shall be subject to the continuing education requirements of chapter 181-79A WAC.

(5) Any person holding a provisional certificate as a school nurse under provisions of chapter 180-84 WAC shall be granted a professional certificate.

(6) All persons who hold a valid initial certificate granted under previous standards of the professional educator standards board shall be authorized to meet requirements for continuing certification as set forth in the relevant previous standards except as noted below in subsection (7), (8) or (9) of this section.

(7)(a) Any person with a valid initial teacher's certificate granted under previous standards of the professional educator standards board may renew that certificate once after August 31, 2000. The individual shall meet requirements for and apply for the continuing certificate by the expiration date on the renewed certificate or meet requirements for the residency certificate for further certification. Any person who qualified for initial renewal or continuing certificate under the provisions of (b) of this subsection prior to their expiration date, but whose initial certificate expired after August 31, 2000, because they applied for certification too late, may apply once for such renewal or continuing certificate and will be issued such certificate.

(b) An initial teacher certificate may be renewed for an additional three-year period on application and verification that the in-

dividual has completed all coursework requirements from an accredited institution of higher education as defined in WAC 181-79A-030 for continuing certification or has completed at least fifteen quarter credit hours (ten semester credit hours) since the certificate was issued or renewed. After August 31, 2000, provisions of this section will apply.

(8) Any person with a valid initial administrator certificate granted under previous standards of the professional educator standards board shall meet requirements for and apply for the continuing certificate by the expiration date on the initial certificate or meet requirements for the residency certificate for further certification. Any person who qualified for a continuing certificate under the provisions of WAC 181-79A-211 (2)(b) prior to their expiration date, but whose initial certificate expired after June 30, 2004, because they applied for certification too late, may apply for such continuing certificate and will be issued such certificate.

(9) Any person with a valid initial ESA certificate granted under previous standards of the professional educator standards board shall meet requirements for and apply for the role-appropriate professional certificate by the expiration date on the initial certificate or meet requirements for the role-appropriate residency or initial renewal certificate for further certification. Any person who qualified for a continuing certificate under the provisions of WAC 181-79A-250 (1)(c) prior to their expiration date, but whose initial certificate expired after June 30, 2005, because they applied for certification too late, may apply for a professional certificate and will be issued such certificate.

(10) Any person with a valid or expired residency ESA school social work certificate may meet requirements for and apply for the professional certificate, or meet requirements for renewal of an initial certificate.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW. WSR 21-15-085, § 181-79A-123, filed 7/16/21, effective 8/16/21. Statutory Authority: Chapters 28A.410 and 28A.413 RCW. WSR 19-15-110, § 181-79A-123, filed 7/22/19, effective 8/22/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 11-15-051, § 181-79A-123, filed 7/15/11, effective 8/15/11; WSR 10-16-124, § 181-79A-123, filed 8/3/10, effective 9/3/10; WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-123, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-123, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 05-23-043, § 180-79A-123, filed 11/9/05, effective 12/10/05; WSR 05-15-050, § 180-79A-123, filed 7/12/05, effective 8/12/05; WSR 00-09-048, § 180-79A-123, filed 4/14/00, effective 5/15/00. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-123, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.]

**WAC 181-79A-124 Application for certification.** An individual who applies for a Washington state certificate, unless otherwise stipulated by the provisions of WAC 181-79A-123, must meet the requirements in effect at the time of application.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW. WSR 21-15-085, § 181-79A-124, filed 7/16/21, effective 8/16/21. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-124, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-124, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010,

28A.305.130 (1) and (2). WSR 01-03-153, § 180-79A-124, filed 1/24/01, effective 2/24/01. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-124, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.]

**WAC 181-79A-127 Renewal of certificate.** A holder of a certificate subject to expiration may renew such certificate subject to the rules in effect at the time of such renewal, unless otherwise stipulated by the provisions of WAC 181-79A-123.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-127, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-127, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.010.410. WSR 03-15-121, § 180-79A-127, filed 7/22/03, effective 8/22/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-127, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.]

**WAC 181-79A-128 Temporary permits.** Temporary permits may be issued by the superintendent of public instruction and designated agents under the following conditions:

(1) Temporary permits may be issued under this section to those persons who have filed an application for a certificate; who, based on available documentation, including affidavits or other evidence that appears reliable which substantiates the existence of missing documentation, appear to have completed all requirements for certification; and who do not disclose any information which indicates that such applicant fails to meet the character requirement of WAC 181-79A-150(2).

(2) An individual may apply for a permit directly to the superintendent of public instruction or designated agents—i.e., educational service districts or Washington state institutions of higher education.

(3) A permit entitles the holder to serve as a teacher, educational staff associate or administrator consistent with the endorsement(s) on his/her permit.

(4) A permit is valid for up to one year unless prior to the expiration date the superintendent of public instruction determines the applicant is ineligible to receive a valid certificate or endorsement. In such cases, the temporary permit shall expire on the date notice of cancellation is received by the applicant and/or the employer.

(5) The temporary permit may be reissued only upon demonstration that the applicant has made a good faith effort to secure the missing documentation; provided, that an individual affected by WAC 181-79A-132 may obtain one additional permit to meet additional endorsement requirements.

(6) Issuing authority. The superintendent of public instruction either directly or through a designated agent shall issue all permits and shall provide institutions of higher education and educational service districts with forms and instructions relevant to application for a permit.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 17-07-040, § 181-79A-128, filed 3/8/17, effective 4/8/17; WSR 15-14-065, § 181-79A-128, filed 6/26/15, effective 7/27/15; WSR 15-04-014, § 181-79A-128, filed

1/23/15, effective 2/23/15; WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-128, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-128, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-128, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.]

**WAC 181-79A-130 Certificate fees.** (1) Under provisions of RCW 28A.410.060, 28A.410.062, and 28A.415.010, the fee for certificates that are valid for more than one year, issued under the authority of the state of Washington and authorizing the holder to serve in the common schools of the state, shall be as follows:

(a) For the purposes of this section only, the first issue of the residency certificate shall be calculated as if it had seven years of validity, with a six-dollar certificate fee for each year of validity;

(b) The continuing certificate, \$70.00;

(c) Renewal of a continuing certificate, one dollar;

(d) The reinstatement, additional endorsement, or substitute certificate, \$30.00;

(e) The first peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions teacher certificate, six dollars for each year of validity;

(f) All career and technical education certificates, one dollar;

(g) Any other certificate or credential or any renewal or reissuance thereof, six dollars for each year of validity; and

(h) The one-time late fee for the renewed initial or continuing certificate issued under the provisions of WAC 181-79A-123 (7), (8), or (9), for those whose initial certificate have already expired, shall be \$100.00.

(2) The fee for any other certificate or credential, with a validity period of one year or less, or for any renewal or reissuance thereof, issued under the authority of the state of Washington and authorizing the holder to serve in the common schools of the state, shall be six dollars.

(3) Officials authorized to collect certificate fees are educational service district superintendents, deans and directors of education at colleges and universities, or their designees. Sovereign tribal governments may collect certificate fees for first peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions certificates. The fee must accompany the application for a certificate and shall be transmitted by the receiving district, college or university, sovereign tribal government, or program unit designee at least quarterly to the educational service district within which the application is filed for disposition in accordance with provisions of RCW 28A.410.060 or to the office of the superintendent of public instruction.

(4) Beginning September 1, 2013, the office of the superintendent of public instruction may collect certificate fees.

(5) The fee shall not be refunded unless the application is withdrawn before it is finally considered (i.e., the issuance of a certificate or a written communication denying such issuance) by the superintendent of public instruction or their designee.

(6) The professional educator standards board will review certificate fees every two years to assure the fee is set at a sufficient level for the use of certificate fees under WAC 181-79A-131.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW. WSR 22-01-036, § 181-79A-130, filed 12/6/21, effective 1/6/22; WSR 21-15-085, § 181-79A-130, filed 7/16/21, effective 8/16/21; WSR 20-12-064, §

181-79A-130, filed 6/1/20, effective 7/2/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 14-11-076, § 181-79A-130, filed 5/20/14, effective 6/20/14; WSR 13-20-027, § 181-79A-130, filed 9/23/13, effective 10/24/13; WSR 08-12-055, § 181-79A-130, filed 6/2/08, effective 7/3/08; WSR 08-03-100, § 181-79A-130, filed 1/20/08, effective 2/20/08; WSR 07-12-006, § 181-79A-130, filed 5/24/07, effective 6/24/07; WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-130, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-130, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 05-23-043, § 180-79A-130, filed 11/9/05, effective 12/10/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010 and 28A.305.130. WSR 05-15-024, § 180-79A-130, filed 7/7/05, effective 8/7/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010 and 28A.305.130 (1) through (4). WSR 02-04-018, § 180-79A-130, filed 1/24/02, effective 2/24/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 01-09-005, § 180-79A-130, filed 4/5/01, effective 5/6/01; WSR 00-03-048, § 180-79A-130, filed 1/14/00, effective 2/14/00; WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-130, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.]

**WAC 181-79A-131 Use of certificate fees.** (1) Under RCW 28A.410.060, certificate fees will be used solely for one or more of the following:

- (a) Precertificate preparation;
- (b) Program evaluation; or
- (c) Professional in-service training programs.

(2) Precertificate preparation, program evaluation, and professional in-service training programs:

(a) The primary utilization shall be to support collaborative efforts essential to precertificate preparation, program development, program evaluation, and professional learning related to educator preparation and in-service educator development, including assessment of candidate competency.

(b) Funds set aside for precertificate preparation, program evaluation, and professional in-service training programs shall not supplant funds already available to any participating agency.

(c) The office of the superintendent of public instruction may be designated to administer the funds allocated for the purposes described in this section per RCW 28A.410.200(7).

(3) Allowable expenditures. Funds may be used to support costs related to the purposes described in this section, such as the payment of professional contractual services, per diem, travel costs, materials, printing, or released time. Nonallowable costs are college or university tuition and fees.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW. WSR 20-12-064, § 181-79A-131, filed 6/1/20, effective 7/2/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 13-20-027, § 181-79A-131, filed 9/23/13, effective 10/24/13; WSR 08-12-055, § 181-79A-131, filed 6/2/08, effective 7/3/08; WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-131, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-131, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 and 28A.410.010. WSR 02-18-037, § 180-79A-131, filed 8/26/02, effective 9/26/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-131, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.]

**WAC 181-79A-132 Dual endorsement requirement.** Per WAC 181-82A-215, all teachers are required to hold at least one endorsement, provided, a teacher who obtains a bilingual education, or English language learner endorsement after September 1, 2019, must earn and/or hold a second endorsement in another endorsement area that may be earned at the preresidency level. Bilingual education, English language learner, and traffic safety do not qualify as the other endorsement area. Provided, that individuals applying for a Washington state teacher certificate that have completed an out-of-state teacher preparation program may have two years in which to add the second endorsement.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW. WSR 22-12-071, § 181-79A-132, filed 5/27/22, effective 6/27/22. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220. WSR 18-08-025, § 181-79A-132, filed 3/26/18, effective 4/26/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 14-24-005, § 181-79A-132, filed 11/19/14, effective 12/20/14.]

**WAC 181-79A-134 Use of certificate fees for professional in-service training programs.** In addition to the uses described in WAC 181-79A-131, certificate fees will be used as described in this section to support professional in-service training programs.

(1) Beginning with the state fiscal year 2015, the professional educator standards board shall biennially issue a request for proposal to eligible in-service education agencies per WAC 181-85-045 to submit applications for funds for the purpose of offering in-service continuing education provided per reporting requirements published by the board.

(2) Cooperative agreements may be made among educational service districts to provide quality in-service education programs.

(3) Funds designated for in-service programs shall not supplant funds already available for such programs.

(4) Allowable expenditures. Funds may be used to support costs related to professional learning and growth, such as the payment of professional contractual services, per diem, travel costs, materials, printing, or released time. Nonallowable costs are college or university tuition and fees.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW. WSR 20-12-064, § 181-79A-134, filed 6/1/20, effective 7/2/20.]

## **TYPES AND LEVELS OF CERTIFICATES**

**WAC 181-79A-140 Certificate roles.** The provisions of this chapter apply to the certificate roles listed in this section. Certificates in the following roles shall be issued:

(1) **Teacher.** The teacher certificate authorizes service as a classroom teacher.

(2) **Career and technical education.** The career and technical education certificates authorize service in career and technical education programs in accordance with chapter 181-77 WAC.

(3) **First peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions.** The first peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions



teacher certificate authorizes service in accordance with WAC 181-78A-700.

(4) **Administrator.**

(a) The administrator certificate for principal authorizes services as a building administrator or assistant principal.

(b) The administrator certificates for superintendent or program administrator will be issued to persons who meet professional educator standards board certification standards for service in the roles of superintendent or program administrator.

(5) **Educational staff associate.**

(a) The educational staff associate certificate authorizes service in the following roles:

(i) School behavior analyst;

(ii) School counselor;

(iii) School nurse;

(iv) School occupational therapist;

(v) School orientation and mobility specialist;

(vi) School physical therapist;

(vii) School psychologist;

(viii) School social worker;

(ix) School speech pathologist or audiologist.

(b) Nothing within chapter 181-79A WAC authorizes professional practice by an educational staff associate which is otherwise prohibited or restricted by any other law, including licensure statutes and rules and regulations adopted by the appropriate licensure board or agency.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW. WSR 21-15-085, § 181-79A-140, filed 7/16/21, effective 8/16/21; WSR 21-08-024, § 181-79A-140, filed 3/29/21, effective 4/29/21. Statutory Authority: Chapters 28A.410 and 28A.413 RCW. WSR 19-15-110, § 181-79A-140, filed 7/22/19, effective 8/22/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220. WSR 18-21-072, § 181-79A-140, filed 10/11/18, effective 11/11/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 12-02-025, § 181-79A-140, filed 12/28/11, effective 1/28/12; WSR 08-08-028, § 181-79A-140, filed 3/24/08, effective 4/24/08; WSR 07-04-003, § 181-79A-140, filed 1/24/07, effective 2/24/07; WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-140, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-140, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 and 28A.410.010. WSR 04-20-092, § 180-79A-140, filed 10/5/04, effective 11/5/04; WSR 02-18-037, § 180-79A-140, filed 8/26/02, effective 9/26/02; WSR 02-13-027, § 180-79A-140, filed 6/12/02, effective 7/13/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010 and 28A.305.130 (1) through (4). WSR 02-04-018, § 180-79A-140, filed 1/24/02, effective 2/24/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 00-13-063, § 180-79A-140, filed 6/16/00, effective 7/17/00. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010 and 28A.305.130 (1) and (2). WSR 99-23-023, § 180-79A-140, filed 11/9/99, effective 12/10/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-140, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-140, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.]

**WAC 181-79A-142 Certificate types.** The provisions of this chapter apply to the following certificate types:

(1) The following certificate types issued on or after August 31, 1987:

- (a) Residency certificates;
- (b) Professional certificates;
- (c) Initial certificates;
- (d) Continuing certificates;

(e) Standard certificates are provided for under previous standards of the professional educator standards board as described under WAC 181-79A-123.

(2) Limited certificates. The following limited certificates are issued to individuals in accordance with WAC 181-79A-231:

- (a) Conditional certificate;
- (b) Emergency substitute certificate;
- (c) Intern substitute teacher certificate;
- (d) Transitional certificate.

(3) Substitute certificate. The substitute certificate is issued to individuals in accordance with WAC 181-79A-232.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW. WSR 21-15-085, § 181-79A-142, filed 7/16/21, effective 8/16/21.]

**WAC 181-79A-145 Levels and validity of certificates.** Two levels of certification may be issued.

(1) **Initial and professional certificates:**

(a) **Initial certificates.** The initial administrator certificates are valid for seven years. Initial administrator certificates shall not be subject to renewal. Initial educational staff associate certificates in the roles of school nurse, school occupational therapist, school physical therapist, school speech language pathologist or audiologist, school social worker, school behavior analyst, and school orientation and mobility specialist are subject to renewal.

(b) **Professional certificates.** Initial administrator and educational staff associate certificate holders shall be issued a professional certificate if they meet the requirements for such certificate. Initial principal and program administrator certificate holders, and initial school counselor and school psychologist certificate holders shall be issued a residency certificate if their initial certificate has expired or they do not meet the requirements for a continuing certificate.

(2) **Residency and professional certificates:** Teachers, administrators, and educational staff associates with program completion dates commencing with the dates indicated below will be issued the following levels of certificates:

(a) **Residency certificate.** The residency certificate will be issued to teachers beginning September 1, 2000, to principal/program administrators beginning September 1, 2004, and to educational staff associate school counselors and school psychologists no later than September 1, 2005.

(b) The first issue of a residency certificate for principals, program administrators, and educational staff associates shall be valid until the holder has completed two years of service in the role in Washington with a school district, state-approved private school, or state agency that provides educational services for students, at which time their residency certificate will be reissued with a five-year expiration date. Prior to the expiration date, the candidate must meet

residency renewal requirements or earn a second-tier certificate for the role under WAC 181-79A-250.

(c) A first issue residency teacher certificate remains undated until the teacher has two years of experience under WAC 181-79A-206, at which time the residency certificate is dated for five years as verified by the certification office of the office of superintendent of public instruction. Prior to the expiration date, the candidate must earn a professional certificate or meet renewal requirements under WAC 181-79A-240 and 181-79A-244.

(d) **Professional certificate.** The professional certificate will be issued to teachers beginning September 1, 2001, to principals/program administrators beginning September 1, 2007, and to educational staff associate school counselors and school psychologists beginning September 1, 2007. A professional teacher's certificate based on the possession of a valid teacher's certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards under WAC 181-79A-257 or 181-79A-206 shall be valid for five years or until the expiration of the National Board Certificate, whichever is greater. A professional educational staff associate certificate for school counselors based on the possession of a valid school counselor's certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards National Board Certification under WAC 181-79A-257 or 181-79A-206 shall be valid for five years or until the expiration of the National Board Certificate, whichever is greater.

(3) **First peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions certificates:** The first peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions certificate will be issued beginning in January 2007. The first peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions certificate is valid for five years and shall be subject to renewal under WAC 181-79A-252.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW. WSR 21-15-085, § 181-79A-145, filed 7/16/21, effective 8/16/21; WSR 21-08-024, § 181-79A-145, filed 3/29/21, effective 4/29/21. Statutory Authority: Chapters 28A.410 and 28A.413 RCW. WSR 19-15-110, § 181-79A-145, filed 7/22/19, effective 8/22/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220. WSR 17-23-176, § 181-79A-145, filed 11/21/17, effective 12/22/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 12-02-027, § 181-79A-145, filed 12/28/11, effective 1/28/12; WSR 11-12-032, § 181-79A-145, filed 5/25/11, effective 6/25/11; WSR 10-16-124, § 181-79A-145, filed 8/3/10, effective 9/3/10; WSR 08-03-100, § 181-79A-145, filed 1/20/08, effective 2/20/08; WSR 07-20-047, § 181-79A-145, filed 9/26/07, effective 10/27/07; WSR 07-12-006, § 181-79A-145, filed 5/24/07, effective 6/24/07; WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-145, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-145, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 05-23-042, § 180-79A-145, filed 11/9/05, effective 12/10/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010 and 28A.305.130. WSR 05-15-023, § 180-79A-145, filed 7/7/05, effective 8/7/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.401.010 [28A.410.010]. WSR 04-21-040, § 180-79A-145, filed 10/15/04, effective 11/15/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 and 28A.410.010. WSR 02-18-037, § 180-79A-145, filed 8/26/02, effective 9/26/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 01-09-004, § 180-79A-145, filed 4/5/01, effective 5/6/01; WSR 00-03-048, § 180-79A-145, filed 1/14/00, effective 2/14/00. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-145, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.]

## GENERAL CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

**WAC 181-79A-150 General requirements—Teachers, administrators, educational staff associates and first peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions teachers.** The following requirements are to be met by candidates for certification, including teachers, career and technical education educators, administrators, educational staff associates, or first peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions teachers:

(1) **Age.** No person who is less than eighteen years of age shall receive a certificate to serve in the public or nonpublic schools of Washington state.

(2) **Character.** Applicants for certificates in Washington state who are not holders of a valid Washington state teacher, administrator, educational staff associate, career and technical education, or first peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions teacher certificate must give evidence of good moral character and personal fitness as specified in WAC 181-79A-155 and must complete a record check through the Washington state patrol criminal identification system and through the Federal Bureau of Investigation at the applicant's expense as required by RCW 28A.410.010; such record check shall include a fingerprint check using a Washington state patrol approved fingerprint card. The superintendent of public instruction may waive the record check for an applicant who has had a record check within the two years prior to application.

(3) **Degrees and course work.** A candidate for certification shall hold appropriate degrees, licenses, and additional course work as prescribed in chapters 181-79A and 181-77 WAC or have qualified under WAC 181-79A-257 or 181-78A-700.

(4) **Approved preparation program.** Applicants for certification as teachers, administrators, school counselors, and school psychologists, except as otherwise provided in WAC 181-79A-257, and 181-79A-231, and in chapter 181-77 WAC, in order to be certified within the state of Washington shall have completed a state approved preparation program in the professional field for which certification is to be issued; such program shall have included a defined course of study and a supervised internship as per chapter 181-78A WAC. Applicants for certification as first peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions teachers shall have completed a sovereign tribal government's first peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions teaching certification program.

(5) **Assessments.** Candidates for certification must complete assessments under chapters 181-01, 181-02, 181-79A WAC, and RCW 28A.410.220.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW. WSR 21-15-085, § 181-79A-150, filed 7/16/21, effective 8/16/21. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220. WSR 18-19-085, § 181-79A-150, filed 9/18/18, effective 10/19/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 11-15-038, § 181-79A-150, filed 7/13/11, effective 8/13/11; WSR 08-03-100, § 181-79A-150, filed 1/20/08, effective 2/20/08; WSR 07-12-006, § 181-79A-150, filed 5/24/07, effective 6/24/07; WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-150, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodi-

fied as § 181-79A-150, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 and 28A.410.010. WSR 02-18-037, § 180-79A-150, filed 8/26/02, effective 9/26/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010 and 28A.305.130 (1) through (4). WSR 02-04-018, § 180-79A-150, filed 1/24/02, effective 2/24/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010 and 28A.305.130 (1) and (2). WSR 99-23-023, § 180-79A-150, filed 11/9/99, effective 12/10/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-150, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 98-01-030, § 180-79A-150, filed 12/8/97, effective 1/8/98; WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-150, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.]

**WAC 181-79A-155 Good moral character and personal fitness—Necessary supporting evidence by applicants.** All applicants for certification shall submit the following:

(1) An affidavit from the applicant indicating that he or she has not been convicted of any crime or a complete disclosure of all arrests and subsequent dispositions of such arrests. In the event of a conviction for any arrest, the applicant shall state reasons why such conviction does not reflect adversely on the requirement to possess good moral character and be personally fit.

(2) An affidavit from the applicant that he or she has no history of serious behavioral problems or a complete disclosure of the nature and status of all such problems, including the names and addresses of health practitioners who have treated the applicant within the past ten years and an executed consent form permitting the superintendent of public instruction to contact and consult with such health practitioners and for such health practitioners to fully disclose medical information related to such behavioral problems.

(3) An affidavit from the dean of the college or school of education or one or more officials designated by such dean, or, if none, by the college or university president, where the applicant completed his or her approved preparation program, that indicates that a designated college or university official has contacted several faculty members who personally know or knew the applicant and has no knowledge of any relevant information related to the applicant's character or fitness that would adversely affect the applicant's ability to serve in a certificated role or a statement from such affiant of the reasons why it is not possible to make such an affidavit.

(4) If the affidavit described in subsection (3) of this section is impossible or impractical to obtain, the applicant shall submit to the superintendent of public instruction the following:

(a) A complete employment history, including the names, addresses, and phone numbers of the immediate supervisor of such applicant when an employee; and

(b) The names, addresses, and phone numbers of three character references who are not related to the applicant.

(5) If the applicant holds or has held a certificate in any other state, such applicant shall prepare one of the following affidavits for each such state:

(a) An affidavit that such certificate has not been suspended, surrendered, or revoked. The superintendent of public instruction shall determine the status of certificates held by applicants in any

other state to find if such certificates have been suspended, surrendered or revoked.

(b) An affidavit which shall fully disclose the reasons for the suspension, surrender, or revocation of the certificate. Such affidavit shall be submitted directly to the superintendent of public instruction.

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**WAC 181-79A-157 Affidavits from applicants.** An individual's application for certification shall be signed under oath that the statements therein are true and correct. The application if not notarized by a notary public must conform with the formalities prescribed in RCW 9A.72.085. In addition, the application shall state that any knowingly false statement therein is punishable under perjury laws of the state of Washington.

Whenever this chapter requires an applicant or certificate holder to file an affidavit, it shall be in the same form as above.

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**WAC 181-79A-158 Requirements for providing contact information.** Educators holding certificates shall provide a current mailing address to the superintendent of public instruction. Beginning September, 2010, any change of address shall be communicated to the same office within sixty days.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 10-20-004, § 181-79A-158, filed 9/22/10, effective 10/23/10.]

**WAC 181-79A-200 Course work on issues of abuse and emotional or behavioral distress in students.** (1) The course work on issues of abuse and emotional or behavioral distress in students under RCW 28A.410.035 will include content on the following:

(a) **Issues of abuse:**

(i) Identification of physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, and substance abuse;

(ii) Commercial sexual abuse of a minor, as defined in RCW 9.68A.100;

(iii) Sexual exploitation of a minor, as defined in RCW 9.68A.040;

(iv) Information on the impact of abuse on the behavior and learning abilities of students;

(v) Discussion of the responsibilities of a teacher to report abuse or provide assistance to students who are the victims of abuse; and

(vi) Methods for teaching students about abuse of all types and their prevention.

(b) **Emotional or behavioral distress in students:**

(i) Knowledge and skill standards pertaining to recognition, initial screening, and response to emotional or behavioral distress in students;

(ii) This includes, but is not limited to, indicators of possible substance abuse, violence, and youth suicide.

(2) Candidates applying for certificate renewal or reinstatement who have not previously completed course work on issues of abuse and emotional or behavioral distress in students must present evidence of completion to the superintendent of public instruction.

(3) Candidates holding an initial or residency certificate applying for a continuing or professional certificate who have not previously completed course work on issues of abuse and emotional or behavioral distress in students must present evidence of completion to the superintendent of public instruction.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW. WSR 21-15-085, § 181-79A-200, filed 7/16/21, effective 8/16/21.]

**SPECIFIC CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR INITIAL/RESIDENCY AND CONTINUING/PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES**

**WAC 181-79A-206 Academic and experience requirements for certification—Teachers.** Candidates for teachers' certificates shall complete the following requirements.

(1) **Residency.**

Candidates for the residency certificate shall hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university under WAC 181-79A-030.

(2) **Professional.**

Candidates for a professional certificate must have successfully completed one or more of the following:

(a) The external portfolio of evidence assessment adopted by the professional educator standards board.

(b) A teaching certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS).

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tive 8/2/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010, 28A.305.130 (1) and (2). WSR 01-03-153, § 180-79A-206, filed 1/24/01, effective 2/24/01. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 00-03-048, § 180-79A-206, filed 1/14/00, effective 2/14/00. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-206, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.]

**WAC 181-79A-211 Academic and experience requirements for certification—Administrators.** Candidates for the respective administrative certificate shall complete the following requirements.

(1) **Superintendent.**

(a) Initial.

(i) The candidate shall hold a master's degree or higher and have completed subsequent to the baccalaureate degree at least forty-five quarter credit hours (thirty semester credit hours) of graduate level course work in education.

(ii) The candidate shall hold or have held a valid teacher, educational staff associate, program administrator or principal certificate; excluding certificates issued under WAC 181-79A-231, or comparable out-of-state certificates.

(b) Professional.

(i) The candidate shall hold a master's degree or higher and have completed subsequent to the baccalaureate degree at least sixty quarter credit hours (forty semester credit hours) of graduate level course work in education or shall hold a doctorate in education.

(ii) The candidate shall hold or have held a valid teacher, educational staff associate, program administrator or principal certificate; excluding certificates issued under WAC 181-79A-231, or comparable out-of-state certificates.

(iii) Candidates applying for the professional superintendent's certificate shall provide documentation of one hundred eighty days or full-time equivalent or more employment in the respective role with an authorized employer—i.e., school district, educational service district, state agency, college or university, private school, or private school system—and at least thirty days of such employment with the same employer.

(2) **Principal.**

(a) Residency.

(i) The candidate shall hold a master's degree or higher.

(ii) The candidate shall have completed an approved program for the preparation of principals.

(iii) The candidate shall have three years of documented school-based experience in an instructional role with students. However, candidates who were enrolled in an approved principal program prior to July 1, 2013, are not subject to the three-year minimum experience requirement.

(iv) The candidate shall hold or have held:

(A) A valid teacher's certificate, excluding certificates issued under WAC 181-79A-231; or

(B) A valid education staff associate certificate, excluding certificates issued under WAC 181-79A-231.

(v) Persons whose teacher or educational staff associate certificates were revoked, suspended or surrendered are not eligible for principal certificates.

(b) Professional.



(i) The candidate shall hold a valid initial principal's certificate, an approved master's degree, and shall have completed at least one hundred fifty continuing education credit hours under chapter 181-85 WAC. Such study shall:

(A) Be based on the principal performance domains included in WAC 181-78A-270 (2)(a) or (b);

(B) Be taken subsequent to the issuance of the initial principal's certificate; and

(C) Be determined in consultation with and approved by the candidate's employer or the administrator of a state approved principal preparation program.

(ii) The candidate must meet requirements for a principal's certificate under WAC 181-79A-150(4).

(iii) Candidates applying for the professional principal's certificate shall provide documentation of three school years of full-time employment as a principal or assistant principal.

(3) **Program administrator.**

(a) Residency certificate.

The candidate shall hold a master's degree or higher and have completed an approved program for the preparation of program administrators.

(b) Professional.

(i) The candidate shall hold a valid initial program administrator's certificate, an approved master's degree and have completed subsequent to the baccalaureate degree at least thirty quarter credit hours (twenty semester credit hours) of graduate level course work in education or shall hold a doctorate in education.

(ii) Candidates applying for a professional program administrator's certificate shall provide documentation of one hundred eighty days or full-time equivalent or more employment in the respective role with an authorized employer—i.e., school district, educational service district, state agency, college or university, private school, or private school system—and at least thirty days of such employment with the same employer.

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28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-211, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.]

**WAC 181-79A-221 Academic and experience requirements for certification—School counselors and school psychologists.** Candidates for school counselor and school psychologist certification shall complete the following requirements.

(1) **Degree.** It shall not be necessary for any candidate who holds a master's degree or higher to obtain the specified master's degree if the candidate provides satisfactory evidence to the superintendent of public instruction that he or she has completed all course work requirements relevant to the specified master's degree and has satisfactorily completed a comprehensive examination required in such master's degree program. This examination shall be an examination of an accredited institution of higher education or the National Counselor Examination (NCE) of the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC) or, in the case of school psychologists, hold the Nationally Certified School Psychologist (NCSP) credential from the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP). If any candidate has been awarded a master's degree without a comprehensive examination, the candidate, as a condition for certification, shall successfully complete the Praxis II exam in the appropriate role.

(2) **School counselor.**

(a) **Residency.**

(i) Hold a master's degree in counseling.

(ii) Completion of a state-approved school counselor program.

(b) **Professional.** A professional certificate may be earned by an individual who holds a valid school counseling certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS).

(c) Professional certificates for school counselors include a requirement for suicide prevention training under WAC 181-79A-244, RCW 28A.410.226, and 43.70.442.

(3) **School psychologist.**

(a) **Residency.**

(i) The candidate shall hold a master's degree in school psychology.

(ii) Completion of a state-approved school psychology program.

(b) **Professional.** An individual who holds a valid Nationally Certified School Psychologist (NCSP) credential issued by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) shall be deemed to have met the requirement for professional certification.

(c) Professional certificates for school psychologists include a requirement for suicide prevention training under RCW 28A.410.226, 43.70.442, and as described in WAC 181-79A-244.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW. WSR 21-15-085, § 181-79A-221, filed 7/16/21, effective 8/16/21. Statutory Authority: Chapters 28A.410 and 28A.413 RCW. WSR 19-15-110, § 181-79A-221, filed 7/22/19, effective 8/22/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220. WSR 18-21-011, § 181-79A-221, filed 10/4/18, effective 11/4/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 17-11-104, § 181-79A-221, filed 5/22/17, effective 6/22/17; WSR 15-20-059, § 181-79A-221, filed 10/1/15, effective 11/1/15; WSR 14-24-057, § 181-79A-221, filed 11/25/14, effective 12/26/14; WSR 14-09-121, § 181-79A-221, filed 4/23/14, effective 5/24/14; WSR 11-15-051, § 181-79A-221, filed

7/15/11, effective 8/15/11; WSR 08-12-055, § 181-79A-221, filed 6/2/08, effective 7/3/08; WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-221, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-221, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.401.010 [28A.410.010]. WSR 04-21-040, § 180-79A-221, filed 10/15/04, effective 11/15/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-221, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.]

**WAC 181-79A-223 Academic and experience requirements for certification—School nurse, school occupational therapist, school physical therapist, school speech-language pathologist or audiologist, school social worker, school behavior analyst, and school orientation and mobility specialist.** Candidates for school nurse, school occupational therapist, school physical therapist and school speech-language pathologist or audiologist, school social worker, school behavior analyst, and school orientation and mobility specialist certification shall apply directly to the professional certification office. Such candidates shall complete the following requirements, in addition to those set forth in WAC 181-79A-150, except for a state-approved educator preparation program.

(1) **Degree.** Candidates who hold a master's degree or higher are not required to obtain a role-specific master's degree if the candidate provides satisfactory evidence to the superintendent of public instruction that they have completed all course work requirements relevant to the role-specific master's degree.

(2) **Professional transitions to public schools.** Candidates for the initial certificate for the roles under this section must complete the professional transitions to public schools coursework under WAC 181-79A-224.

(3) **Experience.** Candidates for the professional certificate for the roles under this section must complete two years full-time equivalency (FTE) in the role in Washington with a school district, state-approved private school, state tribal compact school, state authorized charter school, or state agency that provides educational services for students.

(4) **School nurse.**

(a) **Initial.**

(i) The candidate shall hold a valid license as a registered nurse (RN) under chapter 18.79 or 18.80 RCW.

(ii) The candidate shall hold a baccalaureate degree or higher in nursing from a program accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

(b) **Professional.**

(i) The candidate shall have completed the requirements for the initial certificate as a school nurse and have completed 150 continuing education credit hours related to education, nursing, or other health sciences since the first issuance of the initial certificate.

(ii) The candidate shall hold a valid license as a registered nurse (RN) under chapter 18.79 or 18.80 RCW.

(iii) The candidate shall have completed suicide prevention training under RCW 28A.410.226, 43.70.442, and as described in WAC 181-79A-244.

(5) **School occupational therapist.**

(a) **Initial.**

(i) The candidate shall hold a valid license as an occupational therapist under chapter 18.59 RCW.

(ii) The candidate shall hold a baccalaureate degree or higher from an American Occupational Therapy Association approved program in occupational therapy.

(b) **Professional.**

(i) The candidate shall have completed the requirements for the initial certificate as a school occupational therapist and have completed 150 continuing education credit hours related to occupational therapy, other health sciences, or education since the first issuance of the initial certificate.

(ii) The candidate shall hold a valid license as an occupational therapist under chapter 18.59 RCW.

(6) **School physical therapist.**

(a) **Initial.**

(i) The candidate shall hold a valid license as a physical therapist under chapter 18.74 RCW.

(ii) The candidate shall hold a baccalaureate degree or higher from an American Physical Therapy Association accredited program in physical therapy.

(b) **Professional.** The candidate shall have completed the requirements for the initial certificate as a school physical therapist and have completed 150 continuing education credit hours related to physical therapy, other health sciences, or education since the first issuance of the initial certificate.

(7) **School speech-language pathologist or audiologist.**

(a) **Initial.** The candidate shall have completed all course work (except special project or thesis) for a master's degree or higher from a college or university program accredited by the American Speech and Hearing Association (ASHA). If the degree program requires a written comprehensive exam relevant to the role, the candidate must successfully complete it. If the degree program does not require a written comprehensive exam relevant to the role, the candidate may present verification from ASHA of a passing score on a national exam in speech pathology or audiology, or a passing score on an exam approved by the professional educator standards board.

(b) **Professional.**

(i) The candidate shall hold a master's degree or higher.

(ii) The candidate shall have completed the requirements for the initial certificate as a speech language pathologist or audiologist and have completed 150 continuing education credit hours related to speech language pathology, audiology, other health sciences, or education since the first issuance of the initial certificate.

(8) **School social worker.**

(a) **Initial.** The candidate shall hold a masters degree or higher in social work or social welfare from an accredited institution of higher learning.

(b) **Professional.**

(i) The candidate shall have completed the requirements for the initial certificate as a school social worker and have completed 150 continuing education credit hours related to the role of the school social worker or education since the first issuance of the initial certificate.

(ii) The candidate shall have completed suicide prevention training under RCW 28A.410.226, 43.70.442, and as described in WAC 181-79A-244.

(9) **Behavior analyst.**

(a) **Initial.**

(i) Candidates must hold a valid board certified behavior analyst (BCBA) certificate from the behavior analyst certification board (BACB), or other national certificate as approved by the professional educator standards board.

(ii) Candidates must hold a master's degree or higher in any area.

(iii) Candidates must have achieved a passing score on the board certified behavior analyst (BCBA) exam from the behavior analyst certification board (BACB), or other assessment as approved by the professional educator standards board.

(b) **Professional.**

(i) Candidates must hold a valid board certified behavior analyst (BCBA) certificate from the behavior analyst certification board (BACB), or other national certificate as approved by the professional educator standards board.

(ii) The candidate shall have completed the requirements for the initial certificate as a behavior analyst and have completed 150 continuing education credit hours related to the role of the school behavior analyst or education since the first issuance of the initial certificate.

(10) **Orientation and mobility specialist.**

(a) **Initial.**

(i) Candidates must hold a valid certified orientation and mobility specialist (COMS) certificate from the academy for certification of vision rehabilitation and education professionals (ACVREP), valid national orientation and mobility certification (NOMC) from the national blindness professional certification board (NBPCB), or other valid national certificate as approved by the professional educator standards board.

(ii) Candidates must hold a baccalaureate degree or higher in any area.

(b) **Professional.**

(i) Candidates must hold a valid certified orientation and mobility specialist (COMS) certificate from the academy for certification of vision rehabilitation and education professionals (ACVREP), valid national orientation and mobility certification (NOMC) from the national blindness professional certification board (NBPCB), or other valid national certificate as approved by the professional educator standards board.

(ii) The candidate shall have completed the requirements for the initial certificate as an orientation and mobility specialist and have completed 150 continuing education credit hours related to the role or to education since the first issuance of the initial certificate.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW. WSR 24-15-123, § 181-79A-223, filed 7/23/24, effective 8/23/24; WSR 21-15-085, § 181-79A-223, filed 7/16/21, effective 8/16/21; WSR 21-08-024, § 181-79A-223, filed 3/29/21, effective 4/29/21. Statutory Authority: Chapters 28A.410 and 28A.413 RCW. WSR 19-15-110, § 181-79A-223, filed 7/22/19, effective 8/22/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220. WSR 18-19-086, § 181-79A-223, filed 9/18/18, effective 10/19/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 17-11-104, § 181-79A-223, filed 5/22/17, effective 6/22/17; WSR 15-23-014, § 181-79A-223, filed 11/6/15, effective 12/7/15; WSR 14-09-121, § 181-79A-223, filed 4/23/14, effective 5/24/14; WSR 13-12-061, § 181-79A-223, filed

6/4/13, effective 7/5/13; WSR 12-20-072, § 181-79A-223, filed 10/3/12, effective 11/3/12; WSR 12-02-024, § 181-79A-223, filed 12/28/11, effective 1/28/12; WSR 11-15-051, § 181-79A-223, filed 7/15/11, effective 8/15/11; WSR 08-08-045, § 181-79A-223, filed 3/26/08, effective 4/26/08; WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-223, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-223, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 04-04-012, § 180-79A-223, filed 1/23/04, effective 2/23/04; WSR 99-14-012, § 180-79A-223, filed 6/24/99, effective 7/25/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-223, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.]

**WAC 181-79A-224 Professional transitions to public schools course work requirement.**

(1) Professional transitions to public schools course work requirement. The candidate shall successfully complete a minimum of fifteen continuing education credit hours or one semester hour of course work approved by the professional educator standards board which will consist of the following outcomes. The candidates will:

(a) Demonstrate an understanding of school and special education laws and policies (national, state, and local) and their application to decision-making processes in the educational setting;

(b) Understand and demonstrate knowledge of working within the culture of the schools, creating an environment that fosters safety, health, and learning for the students;

(c) Demonstrate knowledge of appropriate resources in the school setting;

(d) Demonstrate knowledge of collaboration with team members which may include parents, teachers, administrators, and others to support learning outcomes for all students;

(e) Demonstrate knowledge of how to support the outcomes for all students through strategies such as scientifically based practices, collaborative teaming, and ethical decision making;

(f) Use professional standards to inform professional growth planning;

(g) Demonstrate an understanding of the use of human, community, and technological resources.

(2) An individual who meets all other requirements of the certificate but who has not completed the professional transitions to public schools requirement, shall be issued a temporary permit valid for one year under WAC 181-79A-128, unless prior to the expiration date the superintendent of public instruction determines the applicant is ineligible to receive a valid certificate or endorsement which will allow the individual to practice in the role. The candidate shall verify to OSPI the completion of the required course work prior to the expiration of the one year temporary permit.

(3) The professional educator standards board will review professional transitions to public schools course work for approval and re-approval/disapproval per the posted schedule. All providers of this course work must maintain current approval status to offer the course.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW. WSR 21-08-024, § 181-79A-224, filed 3/29/21, effective 4/29/21. Statutory Authority: Chapters 28A.410 and 28A.413 RCW. WSR 19-15-110, § 181-79A-224, filed 7/22/19, effective 8/22/19.]

**WAC 181-79A-227 Science endorsement requirements.** (1) Per WAC 181-82A-215, all teachers are required to hold at least one endorsement. Candidates pursuing a science endorsement in a state-approved program must earn and/or hold the science endorsement before September 1, 2019. After September 1, 2019, only certified teachers with designated science endorsements, which include biology, chemistry, earth and space science, or physics, can obtain the general science endorsement.

(2) Individuals certified in Washington state and holding a science endorsement prior to September 1, 2019, are exempt from the requirements of this section.

(3) Individuals applying for a Washington state teacher certificate that have completed an out-of-state teacher preparation program in general science may have two years in which to add one of the designated science endorsements.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 15-08-024, § 181-79A-227, filed 3/24/15, effective 4/24/15.]

**WAC 181-79A-228 Emergency teacher certificates.** Emergency teacher certificates, valid for one year, may be issued by the superintendent of public instruction under the following conditions:

(1) A teacher preparation program approved by the professional educator standards board has recommended the candidate as having met all requirements for program completion with the exception of one or more of the following:

(a) The performance assessment as described in WAC 181-78A-232;

(b) The content knowledge assessment as described in chapter 181-78A WAC; and

(c) The basic skills assessment as described in WAC 181-78A-232.

(2) During the validity period of the certificate, preparation program providers are required to inform, advise, and support applicants on assessment requirements as described in WAC 181-78A-231(3).

(3) Teacher preparation programs may recommend candidates for an emergency certificate under this section through June 30, 2023.

(4) One additional one-year emergency certificate may be issued upon recommendation by the preparation program provider. Teacher preparation programs may recommend candidates for this additional one-year emergency certificate through June 30, 2024.

(5) Candidates recommended for an emergency certificate under this section must apply for that certificate through the office of superintendent of public instruction no later than December 31, 2024.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW. WSR 22-12-073, § 181-79A-228, filed 5/27/22, effective 6/27/22; WSR 21-08-001, § 181-79A-228, filed 3/24/21, effective 4/24/21; WSR 20-16-034, § 181-79A-228, filed 7/25/20, effective 8/25/20.]

## **SPECIFIC CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LIMITED AND SUBSTITUTE CERTIFICATES**

**WAC 181-79A-231 Limited certificates.** All applicants for limited certificates must meet the age, good moral character, and personal fitness requirements of WAC 181-79A-150 (1) and (2).

Nothing within chapter 181-79A WAC authorizes practice by an educational staff associate which is otherwise prohibited or restricted by any other law, including licensure statutes and rules and regulations adopted by the appropriate licensure board or agency.

(1) **Conditional certificate.**

(a) **Intent.** The intent of the conditional certificate is to assist school districts, approved private schools, and educational service districts in meeting the state's educational goals by giving them flexibility in hiring decisions based on shortages or the opportunity to secure the services of unusually talented individuals.

(b) **Roles.**

(i) Teacher roles. The conditional certificate may be issued to teachers in all endorsement areas. Specific minimum requirements defined in this section apply to the following:

- (A) Special education teachers;
- (B) Nonimmigrant exchange teachers;
- (C) Traffic safety education teachers.

(ii) Educational staff associate roles. The conditional certificate may be issued in the following education staff associate roles:

- (A) School counselor;
- (B) School nurse;
- (C) School psychologist;
- (D) School social worker;
- (E) School speech language pathologist or audiologist;
- (F) School behavior analyst;
- (G) School orientation and mobility specialist.

(iii) Administrator role. The conditional certificate may be issued in the following administrator role: Principal.

(c) **Request requirements.**

(i) When requesting the conditional certificate, the district, the educational service district, or the approved private school will verify that one or more of the following criteria have been met:

(A) The individual has extensive experience, unusual distinction, or exceptional talent in the subject matter to be taught or in the certificate role; or

(B) No person with regular certification in the area is available; or

(C) The individual holds a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university; or

(D) The individual is enrolled in an educator preparation program specific to the certificate role for which they are applying; or

(E) The individual will serve as a nonimmigrant exchange teacher and meets the specific minimum requirements defined in this section; or

(F) The individual will serve as a traffic safety education teacher and meets the specific minimum requirements defined in this section; or

(G) Circumstances warrant.

(ii) When requesting the conditional certificate, the district, the educational service district, or the approved private school will verify that all of the following criteria have been met:

(A) The district, educational service district, or approved private school has determined that the individual is competent for the assignment; and

(B) After specific inclusion on the agenda and a formal vote, the school board or educational service district board has authorized the conditional certificate; and



(C) The individual is being certificated for a specific assignment and responsibility in a specified activity/field; and

(D) The individual will be delegated primary responsibility for planning, conducting, and evaluating instructional activities; and

(E) The individual will not be serving in a paraeducator role; and

(F) The individual will be oriented and prepared for the assignment. In addition, prior to service, the individual will be apprised of any legal liability, the responsibilities of a professional educator, the lines of authority, and the duration of the assignment; and

(G) The individual will be assigned a mentor within 20 working days from the commencement of the assignment; and

(H) A written plan of support will be developed within 20 working days from the commencement of the assignment.

(d) **Minimum requirements.**

(i) Individuals must complete 50 continuing education credit hours after the issuance of the certificate, and prior to the reissuance of the certificate. Holders of conditional certificates in the role of nonimmigrant exchange teacher are not required to complete 50 continuing education credit hours.

(ii) Special education teacher. The applicant for a conditional teaching certificate in special education shall hold a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university.

The issuance of a conditional certificate to a special education teacher is contingent upon the individual being enrolled in a state-approved teacher preparation program resulting in a teacher certificate endorsed in special education.

An individual with full certification and endorsed in special education shall be assigned as a mentor to the special education teacher serving on a conditional certificate for the duration of the conditional certificate.

(iii) Traffic safety education teacher. The applicant qualifies to instruct in the traffic safety program under WAC 392-153-021. Written plans of support and mentors are not required for holders of conditional certificates in the role of traffic safety education teacher.

(iv) Nonimmigrant exchange. A conditional certificate in the role of teacher may be issued to an individual admitted to the United States for the purpose of serving as an exchange teacher.

The individual must be eligible to serve as a teacher in the elementary or secondary schools in their country of nationality or last residence.

(v) School counselor. The applicant must hold a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university, and be enrolled in a state-approved preparation program for the role, in accordance with Washington requirements for certification.

(vi) School nurse. The applicant possesses a valid license as a registered nurse (RN) under chapter 18.79 or 18.80 RCW. Applicants who meet the requirements for the initial school nurse certificate will not be issued a conditional school nurse certificate.

(vii) School psychologist. The applicant must hold a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university, and be enrolled in a state-approved preparation program for school psychologists, in accordance with Washington requirements for certification.

In addition, the candidate shall have completed all course work for the required master's degree, and shall be participating in the required internship.

(viii) School social worker. The applicant must hold a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university. The applicant must be enrolled in a master's degree program in social work or social welfare.

(ix) School speech language pathologist or audiologist. The applicant has completed a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university.

(x) School behavior analyst. Applicants must meet one or more of the following:

(A) Hold a valid Washington state department of health license as an assistant behavior analyst. The district, educational service district, or approved private school must provide a supervisor who meets the department of health requirements for a supervisor of assistant behavior analysts; or

(B) Hold a valid board certified assistant behavior analyst (BCABA) certificate from the behavior analyst certification board (BACB). The district, educational service district, or approved private school must provide a supervisor who meets the behavior analyst certification board (BACB) requirements for a supervisor of board certified assistant behavior analyst (BCABA); or

(C) Hold a bachelor's degree, and, must be enrolled in or have completed the course work requirements for the board certified behavior analyst (BCBA) certificate from the behavior analyst certification board (BACB), as verified by the institution providing the behavior analysis course work.

(xi) School orientation and mobility specialist.

(A) Applicants must have completed all requirements for an approved national certificate with the exception of the internship and the assessment, as verified by the institution providing the course-work for the national certificate. The approved national certificates are the certified orientation and mobility specialist (COMS) certificate from the academy for certification of vision rehabilitation and education professionals (ACVREP), and the national orientation and mobility certification (NOMC) from the national blindness professional certification board (NBPCB).

(B) The school employer must ensure the candidate has access to a mentor who meets the requirements for an intern supervisor set by the academy for certification of vision rehabilitation and education professionals (ACVREP) or the national blindness professional certification board (NBPCB).

(xii) Principal. The applicant holds a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.

The candidate for conditional certification as a principal shall be enrolled in a program resulting in the issuance of a residency principal certificate, in accordance with Washington requirements for certification.

(e) **Validity.** The conditional certificate is valid for two years or less, and is only valid for the activity or role specified on the certificate.

The special education conditional certificate will have a validity period of three years or less.

(f) **Reissuance.**

(i) The conditional certificate may be reissued upon request by the employing local school district, approved private school, or educational service district, provided all conditions for the first issuance of the certificate are met.

(ii) The requesting school district, approved private school, or educational service district will verify that the 50 continuing education credit hours earned as a requirement for reissuance of the certificate are designed to support the individual's professional growth, and enhance the individual's knowledge or skills to better assist students in meeting state learning goals.

(iii) Nonimmigrant exchange. The conditional certificate in the role of teacher may be reissued while the individual is being sponsored by a school district in an exchange and visiting teacher program.

(iv) Special education teacher. Conditional certificates in special education may not be reissued.

(v) School speech language pathologist or audiologist. Conditional certificates as a school speech language pathologist or audiologist may be reissued twice.

The conditional certification as a school speech language pathologist or audiologist may be reissued if the candidate is enrolled in a master's degree program resulting in issuance of an initial ESA certificate in accordance with Washington requirements for certification.

The school speech language pathologist or audiologist conditional certificate may be reissued a second time upon verification by the degree provider that the individual is completing satisfactory progress in a master's degree program resulting in issuance of an initial school speech language pathologist or audiologist certificate in accordance with Washington requirements for certification.

(vi) Conditional certificates as a school behavior analyst may be reissued twice.

(vii) Conditional certificates as a school orientation and mobility specialist may be reissued once.

(2) **Transitional certificate.**

(a) **Intent.** The transitional certificate provides flexibility for school districts in employing an individual whose certificate has lapsed or expired under WAC 181-79A-240.

(b) **Roles.** The transitional certificate may be issued in roles of teacher, education staff associate, and administrator for certificates subject to renewal under WAC 181-79A-240.

(c) **Request requirements.**

(i) The transitional certificate is issued upon request by a school district, approved private school, or educational service district for an individual whose certificate has lapsed or expired according to this chapter.

(ii) School districts, approved private schools, and educational service districts are strongly encouraged to develop with the holder of a transitional certificate a plan of support for the holder to complete the necessary certificate renewal requirements under this chapter.

(d) **Minimum requirements.**

(i) The holder of the transitional certificate must complete the requirements for certificate renewal within two years of the date the holder was issued the transitional certificate.

(ii) No individual whose certificate has been suspended, revoked, or surrendered shall be eligible to be employed under this section.

(e) **Validity.** The transitional certificate is valid until two years from the date the holder was issued the certificate. The transitional certificate expiration date shall not be calculated under professional educator standards board policy WAC 181-79A-117.

(f) **Reissuance.** The transitional certificate is not renewable and may not be reissued.

(3) **Emergency substitute certificate.**

(a) **Intent.** The intent of the emergency substitute certificate is to assist school districts, approved private schools, and educational service districts with flexibility in meeting educator workforce needs.

(b) **Roles.**

(i) The emergency substitute certificate may be issued in the role of teacher.

(ii) To ensure that related services personnel deliver special education services in their respective discipline or profession, the emergency substitute certificate may not be issued for individuals to serve in an educational staff associate role in accordance with 34 C.F.R. Part 300.156 (b) (2) (ii).

(iii) Holders of the emergency substitute certificate may serve in the local school district, approved private school, or educational service district which requested the certificate.

(iv) Holders of the emergency substitute certificate may serve as substitutes if the local school district, approved private school, or educational service district has exhausted or reasonably anticipates it will exhaust its list of qualified substitutes under WAC 181-79A-232.

(c) **Request requirements.**

(i) The emergency substitute certificate is issued upon request by a school district, approved private school, or educational service district.

(ii) If the local school district, approved private school, or educational service district has exhausted or reasonably anticipates it will exhaust its list of qualified substitutes who are willing to serve as substitutes, emergency substitute certificates may be issued to persons not fully qualified as substitutes under WAC 181-79A-232.

(d) **Validity.** Emergency substitute certificates shall be valid for two years or less.

(e) **Reissuance.** The emergency substitute certificate may be reissued upon request by the employing local school district, approved private school, or educational service district.

(4) **Intern substitute certificate.**

(a) **Intent.** The intent of the intern substitute certificate is to provide the intern the opportunity to serve as a substitute when the cooperating teacher is absent. This provides the intern with experience while allowing for consistency in instruction for the students.

(b) **Roles.** The intern substitute certificate may be issued to student teachers or intern teachers.

(c) **Request requirements.**

(i) School districts, educational service districts, and approved private schools may request intern substitute teacher certificates for individuals to serve as substitute teachers in the absence of the cooperating teacher.

(ii) The intern substitute teacher certificate is issued upon approval by the supervising preparation program provider.

(d) **Minimum requirements.** The holder of the intern substitute certificate may be called at the discretion of the school district, education service district, or approved private school to serve as a substitute teacher only in the classroom(s) of the cooperating teacher.

(e) **Validity.** The intern substitute teacher certificate is valid for two years or less.

(f) **Reissuance.** The intern substitute certificate may be reissued upon request by the local school district, approved private school, or educational service district, and approved by the educator preparation program provider.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW. WSR 24-24-005, § 181-79A-231, filed 11/21/24, effective 12/22/24; WSR 24-15-123, § 181-79A-231, filed 7/23/24, effective 8/23/24; WSR 22-20-090, § 181-79A-231, filed 10/4/22, effective 11/4/22; WSR 21-15-085, § 181-79A-231, filed 7/16/21, effective 8/16/21; WSR 21-08-024, § 181-79A-231, filed 3/29/21, effective 4/29/21. Statutory Authority: Chapters 28A.410 and 28A.413 RCW. WSR 19-15-110, § 181-79A-231, filed 7/22/19, effective 8/22/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220. WSR 18-21-072, § 181-79A-231, filed 10/11/18, effective 11/11/18; WSR 17-23-176, § 181-79A-231, filed 11/21/17, effective 12/22/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 17-08-037, § 181-79A-231, filed 3/29/17, effective 4/29/17; WSR 16-16-044, § 181-79A-231, filed 7/26/16, effective 8/26/16; WSR 15-20-058, § 181-79A-231, filed 10/1/15, effective 11/1/15; WSR 10-16-124, § 181-79A-231, filed 8/3/10, effective 9/3/10; WSR 07-04-003, § 181-79A-231, filed 1/24/07, effective 2/24/07; WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-231, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-231, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 04-20-090, § 180-79A-231, filed 10/5/04, effective 11/5/04; WSR 03-14-115, § 180-79A-231, filed 6/30/03, effective 7/31/03; WSR 03-12-035, § 180-79A-231, filed 5/30/03, effective 6/30/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010 and 28A.305.130. WSR 02-13-027, § 180-79A-231, filed 6/12/02, effective 7/13/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 00-13-063, § 180-79A-231, filed 6/16/00, effective 7/17/00. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010 and 28A.305.130 (1) and (2). WSR 99-23-023, § 180-79A-231, filed 11/9/99, effective 12/10/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-231, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.]

**WAC 181-79A-232 Substitute certificate. Substitute certificate.**

(1) **Intent.** The intent of the substitute certificate is to provide a district, educational service district, or approved private school with hiring flexibility during the absence of an educator.

(2) **Roles.**

(a) This certificate may be issued in the role of teacher, educational staff associate, or administrator.

(b) Educational staff associates may only substitute in the specific role of their certificate.

(c) The substitute certificate entitles the holder to act as substitute during the absence of the regularly certificated staff member for a period not to exceed 180 days during the school year in any one assignment.

(3) **Minimum requirements.** The substitute certificate may be issued to:

(a) Teachers, educational staff associates, or administrators who hold or have held a regular state of Washington educator certificate; or

(b) Persons who have completed state approved educator preparation programs for their role, if it is a role for which state-approved programs are required, and a bachelor's degree or higher at an accredited college or university as required for the initial or residency certificate for their role in chapter 181-79A WAC; or

(c) Persons applying as out-of-state applicants who qualify for certification pursuant to WAC 181-79A-257; or

(d) Persons who hold or have held a continuing career and technical education teacher certificate.

(4) **Request requirements.** The individual educator applies for the substitute certificate.

(5) **Validity.** The substitute certificate is valid for life.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW. WSR 24-24-005, s 181-79A-232, filed 11/21/24, effective 12/22/24. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220. WSR 18-21-072, § 181-79A-232, filed 10/11/18, effective 11/11/18.]

## **RENEWAL, REINSTATEMENT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

**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.]

**WAC 181-79A-244 Certificate renewal requirements.** Certificate renewal requirements include the following:

(1) **Equity-based school practices.** Applications for renewal dated July 1, 2023, and beyond, for the certificate types and roles as indicated in (a) and (b) of this subsection, must demonstrate completion of professional learning focused on equity based school practices aligned with the cultural competency, diversity, equity, and inclusion (CCDEI) standards under WAC 181-85-204.

(a) Completion of at least 15 continuing education credit hours of professional learning in equity-based school practices is required for renewal of residency, professional, initial, and continuing teacher and CTE teacher certificates.

(b) Completion of at least 10 continuing education credit hours of professional learning in equity-based school practices is required

for renewal of residency, professional, initial, and continuing principal, program administrator, superintendent, and CTE director certificates.

(c) Individuals holding at least one valid, expiration dated administrator certificate under (b) of this subsection are only required to meet the equity-based school practices requirement for administrators when renewing or reinstating a teacher certificate under (a) of this subsection.

(d) Holders of a valid National Board Certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) meet the equity-based school practices requirement by maintaining a valid National Board Certificate.

(e) A professional growth plan with at least one goal aligned to the standards in this subsection meets the equity-based school practices requirement.

(2) **National Professional Standards for Education Leaders.** Applications for renewal dated July 1, 2023, and beyond, for holders of residency, professional, initial, and continuing certificates in the role of principal, program administrator, superintendent and CTE director, must demonstrate completion of 10 continuing education credit hours of professional learning focused on the National Policy Board for Educational Administration (NPBEA) Professional Standards for Educational Leaders (PSEL). A professional growth plan with at least one goal aligned to the PSEL standards meets the certificate renewal requirement in this subsection.

(3) **Providers for professional learning in equity-based school practices and National Professional Standards for Education Leaders.** Professional learning under subsections (1) and (2) of this section must be provided by one or more of the following organizations. These organizations may only provide the professional learning for as long as they maintain status as a Washington state approved in-service education agency under chapter 181-85 WAC.

(a) Association of Washington school principals;

(b) Office of the superintendent of public instruction;

(c) Professional educator standards board-approved administrator or teacher preparation program providers;

(d) Washington education association;

(e) Washington state educational service districts;

(f) Washington state school districts, tribal compact schools, approved charter schools, Washington school for the deaf, Washington school for the blind; or

(g) Other organizations approved by the Washington professional educator standards board.

(4) **Government-to-government relationships with federally recognized tribes.**

(a) Applications for renewal dated July 1, 2023, and beyond, for holders of residency, professional, initial, and continuing certificates in the role of principal, program administrator, superintendent and CTE director, must demonstrate completion of five continuing education credit hours of professional learning focused on government-to-government relationships with federally recognized tribes.

(b) Professional learning related to government-to-government relationships with federally recognized tribes must be provided by one or more subject matter experts approved by the governor's office on Indian affairs in collaboration with the tribal leaders congress on education and the office of native education in the office of the superintendent of public instruction.



(c) Completion of a professional growth plan (PGP) may not be used to meet the requirement for professional learning in government-to-government relationships.

(5) **Science, technology, engineering, math (STEM) integration.** Applications for certificate renewal must demonstrate completion of at least 15 continuing education credit hours, or at least one goal from an annual professional growth plan, emphasizing the integration of science, technology, engineering, and/or mathematics instruction under RCW 28A.410.2212.

(a) This renewal requirement applies to teachers in the following areas: Elementary education; early childhood education; middle level mathematics and science; secondary mathematics; secondary science; the designated sciences; and career and technical education. Specific endorsements in these endorsement areas are as published by the professional educator standards board.

(b) Holders of a valid National Board Certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) meet this requirement by maintaining a valid National Board Certificate.

(6) **Suicide prevention training requirement.** Renewal of certificates, and issuance of professional certificates, for school counselors, school psychologists, school nurses, and school social workers requires completion of suicide prevention training under RCW 28A.410.226, 43.70.442, and as described in this section.

Approved trainings meeting this suicide prevention training requirement will be as published by the professional educator standards board. The training program must be at least three hours in length. The professional educator standards board will consider these training programs as continuing education credit hours.

(7) **Washington state department of health licenses.**

(a) Holding a valid license as a physical therapist under chapter 18.74 RCW is a requirement for renewal of school physical therapist educational staff associate (ESA) certificate.

(b) Holding a valid license as an occupational therapist under chapter 18.59 RCW is required for renewal of school occupational therapist ESA certificates.

(c) Holding a valid license as a registered nurse (RN) under chapter 18.79 or 18.80 RCW is a requirement for renewal of school nurse ESA certificates.

(8) **National certificates related to educational staff associate roles.**

(a) Holding a valid Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) certificate from the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB), or other national certificate as approved by the professional educator standards board, is a requirement for renewal of School Behavior Analyst ESA certificates.

(b) Holding a valid Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialist (COMS) Certificate from Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation and Education Professionals (ACVREP), or, a valid National Orientation and Mobility Certification (NOMC) from the National Blindness Professional Certification Board (NBPCB), is a requirement for renewal of school Orientation and Mobility Specialist ESA Certificates.

(9) **Continuing education role requirements.** Except as otherwise required in Title 181 WAC, continuing education for the following roles must relate to the described areas.

(a) CTE teacher. Continuing education credit hours for renewal of CTE teacher certificates must relate to career and technical education

methods, including those described in RCW 28A.700.010 and WAC 181-77A-165, or to the subject matter certified to teach.

(b) CTE director. Continuing education credit hours for renewal of CTE director certificates must relate to career and technical education, or supervisory or managerial subjects.

(c) School counselor. Continuing education credit hours for renewal must relate to:

(i) American School Counseling Association (ASCA) Professional Standards and Competencies; or

(ii) School Counselor Standards published by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS).

(d) School psychologist. Continuing education credit hours for renewal certificates must relate to the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) Professional Practices.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW. WSR 24-24-003, s 181-79A-244, filed 11/21/24, effective 12/22/24; WSR 24-15-123, § 181-79A-244, filed 7/23/24, effective 8/23/24; WSR 22-08-101, § 181-79A-244, filed 4/5/22, effective 5/6/22; WSR 21-15-085, § 181-79A-244, filed 7/16/21, effective 8/16/21.]

**WAC 181-79A-247 Certificate renewal options.** (1) **Professional growth plans.** Individuals may use professional growth plans towards meeting the continuing education requirement for certificate renewal. Professional growth plans are defined in WAC 181-85-033. For educators holding multiple certificates in chapter 181-77 or 181-79A WAC, a professional growth plan for teacher, administrator, educational staff associate, or paraeducator shall meet the continuing education requirement for all certificates held by an individual which is affected by this section.

(2) **National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification.** Each holder of a certificate affected by this chapter may present a copy of a valid certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards in lieu of the completion of the continuing education credit hours required by this chapter.

(a) A professional certificate renewed with a valid certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards is valid for five years or until the expiration of the National Board Certificate, whichever is greater.

(b) A professional certificate cannot be renewed with the same National Board Certificate used to obtain that professional certificate.

(3) **National Association of School Psychologists credential.** Each holder of a certificate affected by this chapter may present a copy of a valid Nationally Certified School Psychologist credential issued by the National Association of School Psychologists in lieu of the completion of the continuing education credit hours required by this chapter.

(4) **American Speech-Language-Hearing Association certificate.** Each holder of a certificate affected by this chapter may present a copy of a valid certificate of clinical competence (CCC) issued by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) in lieu of the completion of the continuing education credit hours required by this chapter.

(5) **Behavior analyst certificate.** Hours used to maintain a valid Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) certificate from the Behavior

Analyst Certification Board (BACB), or other national certificate as approved by the professional educator standards board, will be considered by the professional educator standards board as continuing education credit hours, and may be used towards the continuing education credit hour requirement for renewal.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW. WSR 21-15-085, § 181-79A-247, filed 7/16/21, effective 8/16/21.]

**WAC 181-79A-252 First peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions certificates—Renewal and continuing education requirements.** The following shall apply to first peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions certificates issued pursuant to this chapter:

A first peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions certificate may be renewed for an additional five-year period on application and verification that the individual has met tribal renewal/continuing education requirements.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 08-03-100, § 181-79A-252, filed 1/20/08, effective 2/20/08; WSR 07-12-006, § 181-79A-252, filed 5/24/07, effective 6/24/07.]

#### **CERTIFICATION FOR OUT-OF-STATE AND INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS**

**WAC 181-79A-255 Certification of out-of-state trained educational personnel—Interstate educational personnel contracts.** The superintendent of public instruction is authorized to enter into interstate educational personnel contracts with states party to the interstate agreement on qualifications of educational personnel in accordance with provisions of RCW 28A.690.010 and 28A.690.020 which authorize on an interstate basis Washington state certification of persons of other states having preparation and qualifications comparable even though not identical to Washington professional educator standards board standards.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-255, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-255, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-255, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.]

**WAC 181-79A-257 Out-of-state candidates.** Candidates for certification from other states who meet the general certificate requirements described in WAC 181-79A-150 (1) and (2), and the specific requirements for the certificate being sought in chapter 181-77 or 181-79A WAC including, but not limited to, degree, continuing education credit hours, and certification/licensure, shall be eligible for Washington certificates as follows:

(1) **Residency or initial certificates.** The residency or initial certificate shall be issued by the superintendent of public instruction to any candidate who meets requirements for the certificate in-

cluding testing requirements as described in RCW 28A.410.220, and chapters 181-01 and 181-02 WAC, and who meets one of the following:

(a) Has completed a state approved preparation program in the professional field for which the certificate is to be issued and such additional professional fields as required by WAC 181-79A-150(4). Such programs shall include a defined course of study and a supervised internship.

(b) If a candidate for teacher, administrator, or educational staff associate certification does not meet the qualifications described in (a) of this subsection, a residency or initial certificate shall be issued to a candidate who holds or has held a certificate in the role, comparable to a residency or initial certificate, issued by another state and has practiced at the P-12 level in the role outside the state of Washington for at least three years.

(c) Holds an appropriate degree from an accredited college or university and has practiced three years as an educational staff associate in that role in a state where such certificate was not required.

(d) Holds a valid Nationally Certified School Psychologist (NCSP) credential issued by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP); and applies for a residency educational staff associated school psychologist certificate.

(2) **Professional certificate.** The professional certificate shall be issued to out-of-state candidates if the candidate meets requirements for the initial or residency certificate including testing requirements as described in RCW 28A.410.220 and chapters 181-01 and 181-02 WAC, meets the issues of abuse or emotional or behavioral distress requirement as described in WAC 181-79A-200, and if one of the following conditions is met:

(a) The candidate has completed an advanced level certification procedure approved by the professional educator standards board as equivalent to the approved program procedure required in Washington; or

(b) The candidate holds a valid teaching certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; or

(c) The candidate holds a valid school counselor certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

(3) **Military servicemembers and spouses of military servicemembers.**

(a) A residency, initial, or professional certificate shall be issued by the superintendent of public instruction to any candidate who holds a valid certificate in the role, comparable to a residency, initial, or professional certificate, who:

(i) Is a military servicemember or spouse of a military servicemember; and

(ii) Remains in good standing with the licensing authority that issued the certificate, and with every other licensing authority that has issued the servicemember or the spouse of a servicemember a license valid at a similar scope of practice.

(b) Under RCW 18.340.020 out-of-state candidates who are military spouses shall receive expedited issuance of the appropriate certificate within 30 days of receiving a completed application in accordance with this section.

(4) (a) Out-of-state candidates must meet the assessment requirements per chapters 181-01 and 181-02 WAC. Equivalent assessments will be published by the board.

(b) Military servicemembers or spouses of military servicemembers issued certificates under subsection (3)(a) of this section are con-

sidered to have met assessment requirements per chapters 181-01 and 181-02 WAC.

(5) Out-of-state candidates for educational staff associate certificates under WAC 181-79A-223 are considered to have met the requirement for the professional transitions to public schools course work provided they meet one or more of the following:

(a) Have completed a state-approved program as an educational staff associate in the role; or

(b) Hold or have held a certificate in the role, comparable to a residency or initial certificate, issued by another state and have practiced at the P-12 school level in the role outside the state of Washington for at least three years; or

(c) Hold an appropriate degree from an accredited college or university and have practiced three years as an educational staff associate in that role in a state where such certificate was not required.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW. WSR 24-08-024, § 181-79A-257, filed 3/26/24, effective 4/26/24; WSR 21-19-131, § 181-79A-257, filed 9/21/21, effective 10/22/21; WSR 21-08-024, § 181-79A-257, filed 3/29/21, effective 4/29/21. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220. WSR 18-21-011, § 181-79A-257, filed 10/4/18, effective 11/4/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 15-23-013, § 181-79A-257, filed 11/6/15, effective 12/7/15; WSR 14-13-006, § 181-79A-257, filed 6/5/14, effective 7/6/14; WSR 11-15-038, § 181-79A-257, filed 7/13/11, effective 8/13/11; WSR 09-16-018, § 181-79A-257, filed 7/24/09, effective 8/24/09; WSR 07-20-047, § 181-79A-257, filed 9/26/07, effective 10/27/07; WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-257, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-257, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 05-04-054, § 180-79A-257, filed 1/28/05, effective 2/28/05; WSR 04-21-005, § 180-79A-257, filed 10/7/04, effective 11/7/04; WSR 04-04-011, § 180-79A-257, filed 1/23/04, effective 2/23/04; WSR 04-04-009, § 180-79A-257, filed 1/23/04, effective 2/23/04; WSR 01-18-043, § 180-79A-257, filed 8/29/01, effective 9/29/01; WSR 01-13-108, § 180-79A-257, filed 6/20/01, effective 7/21/01; WSR 00-23-005, § 180-79A-257, filed 11/2/00, effective 12/3/00; WSR 00-03-048, § 180-79A-257, filed 1/14/00, effective 2/14/00. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-257, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.]

**WAC 181-79A-260 Establishing equivalency for course work, degrees and programs completed in countries outside the United States.**

Certification candidates who have completed degree and/or approved professional preparation programs in a country other than the United States may be required to provide one or more of the following:

(1) A transcript from an accredited United States college or university indicating that the college or university has accepted the degree as equivalent to its degree.

(2) A statement of degree equivalency for the appropriate degree from an international credentials' evaluation agency approved by the office of the superintendent of public instruction.

(3) A statement from an official of the college or university where the certification program was completed, indicating completion of the program and approval of the program by the agency governing certification in that country.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW. WSR 21-15-085, § 181-79A-260, filed 7/16/21, effective 8/16/21. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-260, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 00-03-050, § 180-79A-260, filed 1/14/00, effective 2/14/00. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-260, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.]