

WAC 246-976-171 Recertification, reversion, reissuance, and reinstatement of certification. (1) An EMS provider may not provide care with an expired certification.

(2) To apply for recertification, reversion, reissuance, or reinstatement, an applicant must meet the requirements for the appropriate process described in this section. Applicants must:

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

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

(c) Provide proof of active membership paid or volunteer with a licensed aid or ambulance service, or an EMS service supervisory organization (ESSO) recognized by the department. Senior EMS instructors or training coordinators teaching at department-approved EMS training programs who are unable to be with approved agencies above may affiliate with department-approved training programs with the approval from the county medical program director; and

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

(3) (a) To recertify, applicants must:

(i) Have a current Washington state EMS certification; and

(ii) Successfully complete continuing medical education and ongoing training requirements prescribed in WAC 246-976-161.

(b) For applicants recertifying by the CME method prescribed in WAC 246-976-162:

(i) Provide the county MPD proof of successful completion of education and skill requirements; and

(ii) Provide proof of successful completion of department-approved knowledge examination within the current certification period.

(c) For applicants recertifying by the OTEP method prescribed in WAC 246-976-163:

(i) Successfully complete a department and MPD approved OTEP program; and

(ii) Provide the county MPD proof of successful completion of education and skill requirements.

(4) To revert to a lower level of certification, applicants must:

(a) Have a current Washington state EMS certification at a higher level;

(b) Be current in EMS education and skills for the level they are reverting to; and

(c) Provide the county MPD proof of successful completion of education and skill requirements.

(5) For the department to reissue an expired certification an applicant, if expired less than two years, must:

(a) Provide the county MPD proof of successful completion of education and skill requirements prescribed in WAC 246-976-161;

(b) Complete any additional MPD required education and skills competency checks;

(c) For applicants seeking reissuance by meeting the CME recertification requirements prescribed in WAC 246-976-162:

(i) Provide the county MPD proof of successful completion of education and skill requirements; and

- (ii) Provide proof of successful completion of the department-approved knowledge examination within the current certification period;
- (d) For applicants seeking reissuance by meeting the OTEP recertification requirements prescribed in WAC 246-976-163:
 - (i) Successfully complete a department-approved OTEP program; and
 - (ii) Provide the county MPD proof of successful completion of education and skill requirements.
- (6) Regarding a suspended or revoked certification:
 - (a) A person whose EMS certification is suspended or revoked may petition for reinstatement as provided in RCW 18.130.150.
 - (b) The petitioner must:
 - (i) Provide proof of completion of all requirements identified by the departmental disciplinary authority; and
 - (ii) Meet the appropriate reissuance requirements in this section.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.71.205, 18.73.081, 43.70.040, 70.168.050, 2017 c 70, 2017 c 295, 2020 c 76, 2021 c 276, 2019 c 314, 2021 c 69, and 2022 c 136. WSR 24-15-104, § 246-976-171, filed 7/22/24, effective 9/30/24. Statutory Authority: Chapters 18.71, 18.73, and 70.168 RCW. WSR 11-07-078, § 246-976-171, filed 3/22/11, effective 5/15/11. Statutory Authority: Chapters 18.71 and 18.73 RCW. WSR 04-08-103, § 246-976-171, filed 4/6/04, effective 5/7/04. Statutory Authority: Chapters 18.71, 18.73, and 70.168 RCW. WSR 00-08-102, § 246-976-171, filed 4/5/00, effective 5/6/00.]