

**WSR 21-15-093
EXPEDITED RULES
PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR
STANDARDS BOARD**

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Title of Rule and Other Identifying Information: WAC 181-79A-257.

Purpose of the Proposal and Its Anticipated Effects, Including Any Changes in Existing Rules: This proposed rule clarifies requirements for out-of-state candidates for Washington educator certificates. This rule clarifies that candidates must meet existing requirement[s] for certification, licensure, and degree. For example, principal and superintendent candidates must hold or have held a teacher or educational staff associate certificate.

Reasons Supporting Proposal: The clarified language will be easier for readers of WAC 181-79A-257 to understand. These nonsubstantive changes include updating citations, as well as organizational changes.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

Statute Being Implemented: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

Rule is not necessitated by federal law, federal or state court decision.

Name of Proponent: Professional educator standards board (PESB), governmental.

Name of Agency Personnel Responsible for Drafting, Implementation, and Enforcement: Maren Johnson, 600 Washington Street S.E., Olympia, WA 98504, 360-867-8424.

This notice meets the following criteria to use the expedited adoption process for these rules:

Corrects typographical errors, make address or name changes, or clarify language of a rule without changing its effect.

Explanation of the Reason the Agency Believes the Expedited Rule-Making Process is Appropriate: This change clarifies language of the rule without making any substantive changes.

NOTICE

THIS RULE IS BEING PROPOSED UNDER AN EXPEDITED RULE-MAKING PROCESS THAT WILL ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR THE AGENCY TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS, PREPARE A SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT, OR PROVIDE RESPONSES TO THE CRITERIA FOR A SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATIVE RULE. IF YOU OBJECT TO THIS USE OF THE EXPEDITED RULE-MAKING PROCESS, YOU MUST EXPRESS YOUR OBJECTIONS IN WRITING AND THEY MUST BE SENT TO Maren Johnson, PESB, 600 Washington Street S.E., Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-867-8424, email Maren.Johnson@k12.wa.us, AND RECEIVED BY September 20, 2021.

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-08-024, filed 3/29/21, effective 4/29/21)

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 including 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) ~~((Holds the appropriate degree and, if applicable, credit hours and/or licensing as set forth in this chapter, and))~~ 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(~~+~~

~~(i) Holds an appropriate degree from an accredited college or university.~~

~~(ii))~~ 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.** ~~((After August 31, 2000,))~~ 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 ~~((child))~~ issues of abuse ((course work)) or emotional or behavioral distress requirement as described in WAC ~~((181-79A-206 (3) (b)))~~ 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) Under RCW 18.340.020 out-of-state candidates who are military spouses shall receive expedited issuance of the appropriate certificate in accordance with this section.

(4) 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.

(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 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.]