

WSR 25-03-085
PERMANENT RULES
SUPERINTENDENT OF
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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Effective Date of Rule: Thirty-one days after filing.

Purpose: In an effort to improve the current processing system for educator certification applications in Washington state, the office of superintendent of public instruction (OSPI) is working with the professional educator standards board to implement a new application deadline system that requires renewal certification applications to be submitted six months in advance of the certification expiration date. To enforce this change, OSPI is adopting rule making to make effective starting in the 2030 renewal cycle a late fee for educators who submit applications after their respective certification application deadlines have passed.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 392-194-002.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 28A.410.062.

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 24-24-040 on November 25, 2024.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-24-103, filed 12/1/21, effective 1/1/22)

WAC 392-194-002 Fee for processing initial educator certificate applications and subsequent actions. The superintendent of public instruction will charge a nonrefundable fee of \$51 for processing any certificate application or requests for administrative action which results in the issuance, renewal, or reissuance of a permit or certificate in accordance with chapters 28A.410 and 28A.413 RCW.

(1) Educator certificates issued under chapter 181-79A WAC will be charged a fee of \$51 for processing educator certificates and subsequent actions. As of January 2, 2030, the superintendent of public instruction will charge a late fee of \$35 for any renewal application

or request for administrative action submitted after the applicant's renewal application submission deadline. Applicants applying to reinstate a certificate will not be charged a late fee.

(2) Paraeducator certificates issued under Title 179 WAC will be charged a fee of \$39 for processing paraeducator certificates and subsequent actions.