

**Chapter 181-01 WAC  
WEST-B ASSESSMENT PROGRAM**

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**DISPOSITION OF SECTIONS FORMERLY CODIFIED IN THIS CHAPTER**

181-01-003	WEST-E time extension. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220. WSR 04-08-048, § 181-01-003, filed 4/1/04, effective 5/2/04.] Repealed by WSR 06-24-084, filed 12/5/06, effective 1/5/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210.
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**WAC 181-01-001 WEST-B extension.** Candidates who are prepared and/or certified out-of-state applying for a Washington state residency teaching certificate under WAC 181-79A-257 (1)(b) or 181-79A-260 have up to one calendar year from issuance of temporary permit to pass the WEST-B basic skills test or present evidence of passing an alternative assessment per WAC 181-01-0025, provided that they have completed all other requirements for residency certification other than passage of the WEST-B and are thus eligible for a temporary permit under WAC 181-79A-128.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 13-16-051, § 181-01-001, filed 8/1/13, effective 9/1/13; WSR 07-09-058, § 181-01-001, filed 4/12/07, effective 5/13/07; WSR 06-24-084, § 181-01-001, filed 12/5/06, effective 1/5/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210, 28A.410.220. WSR 02-21-014, § 181-01-001, filed 10/8/02, effective 11/8/02.]

**WAC 181-01-002 WEST-B exemptions.** (1) Candidates who are prepared and/or certified out-of-state applying for a Washington state residency teaching certificate under WAC 181-79A-257 (1)(b) or 181-79A-260, or out-of-state candidates applying to masters level/post baccalaureate teacher preparation programs in the state of Washington, in lieu of passing the WEST-B, may present evidence of passing an alternative assessment per WAC 181-01-0025, or may provide official documentation of scores on equivalent skills tests as approved and published by the professional educator standards board. A candidate may substitute a passing score on one or more sections of skills tests approved by the board as equivalent passing score on the WEST-B.

(2) Candidates applying for a Washington state residency or professional teaching certificate under WAC 181-79A-257 (1)(b) who hold a certificate through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards or other equivalent second tier educator certifications from other states as approved and published by the professional educator standards board, are exempt from the WEST-B requirement.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 15-08-030, § 181-01-002, filed 3/25/15, effective 4/25/15; WSR 13-23-078, § 181-01-002, filed 11/19/13, effective 12/20/13; WSR 13-16-051, § 181-01-002, filed 8/1/13, effective 9/1/13; WSR 12-04-032, § 181-01-002, filed 1/26/12, effective 2/26/12; WSR 06-24-084, § 181-01-002, filed 12/5/06, effective 1/5/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220. WSR 06-11-162 and 06-12-020, § 181-01-002, filed 5/24/06 and 5/30/06, effective 6/24/06]

and 6/30/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220 [(1)](c). WSR 04-24-049, § 181-01-002, filed 11/29/04, effective 12/30/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220. WSR 04-08-047, § 181-01-002, filed 4/1/04, effective 5/2/04.]

**WAC 181-01-0025 WEST-B alternatives.** Per RCW 28A.410.220 individuals seeking admission to a state approved educator preparation program may submit evidence of a score on an assessment deemed of equal rigor by the professional educator standards board, such as the SAT or ACT, in lieu of the WEST-B. Acceptable alternative assessments and scores shall be approved and posted by the board and be no lower than the national average for that assessment as set by the professional educator standards board. This section also applies to out-of-state candidates.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 13-16-051, § 181-01-0025, filed 8/1/13, effective 9/1/13]

**WAC 181-01-004 Appeals process.** The Washington professional educator standards board may permit exceptions from the assessment requirements under RCW 28A.410.220 (1) and (2) on a case-by-case basis. Consistent with the discretion accorded to the professional educator standards board in RCW 28A.410.220(3), the exemptions and extensions provided for in WAC 181-01-001, 181-01-002, 181-02-001 and 181-02-002, shall be the sole exceptions to the WEST-B and WEST-E assessment requirements.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 07-09-058, § 181-01-004, filed 4/12/07, effective 5/13/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220(c). WSR 05-04-024, § 181-01-004, filed 1/25/05, effective 2/25/05.]