

WAC 308-48-015 Retired status certificate of registration. Any individual who has been issued a license, in accordance with chapter 18.39 RCW, as a funeral director and/or embalmer having reached at least the age of sixty-two and having discontinued active practice may be eligible to obtain a "retired certificate of registration." If granted, further certificate of registration renewal fees and continuing education are waived. For the purpose of this provision, active practice has the same meaning as funeral director and/or embalmer under RCW 18.39.010 (3) and (4).

(1) Applications. Those persons wishing to obtain the status of a retired registration shall complete an application form, as provided by the board. The retired status would become effective upon the filing of a complete application.

(2) Privileges. In addition to the waiver of the renewal fee and continuing education, a retired registrant is permitted to:

(a) Retain and display the board-issued wall certificate of registration;

(b) Use the title funeral director and/or embalmer, provided that it is supplemented by the term "retired";

(c) Offer consultant services relative to funeral directing and embalming;

(d) Provide references for persons seeking licensure under 18.39 RCW;

(e) Serve as a volunteer in an instructional capacity on funeral directing and/or embalming topics; and

(f) Provide services as a technical expert before a court, or in preparation for pending litigation, on matters directly related to funeral directing and/or embalming work performed by the registrant prior to being granted a retired registration.

(3) Restrictions. A retired registrant is not permitted to: Perform any duties of a funeral director and/or embalmer on a full-time, part-time or occasional basis.

(4) Certificate of registration reinstatement. A retired registrant, upon written request to the board and payment of the current renewal fee, may resume active practice as a funeral director and/or embalmer. At that time, the retired registrant shall be removed from retired status and placed on valid/active status in the records of the board.

(5) Exemptions. Under no circumstances shall a registrant be eligible for a retired certificate of registration if their license(s) has been revoked, surrendered, or in any way permanently terminated by the board under chapter 18.39 RCW. Registrants who are suspended from practice and/or who are subject to terms of a board order at the time they reach age sixty-two, shall not be eligible for a retired registration until such time that the board has removed the restricting conditions.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 68.05.105 and 18.39.175. WSR 20-09-031, § 308-48-015, filed 4/6/20, effective 5/7/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175 and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 09-06-043, § 308-48-015, filed 2/25/09, effective 3/28/09.]