

WAC 246-980-100 Examination and reexamination for home care aide certification. (1) The certification examination will consist of both a written knowledge test and a skills demonstration.

(2) The certification examination will test the core competencies, including but not limited to:

- (a) Communication skills;
- (b) Worker self-care;
- (c) Problem solving;
- (d) Maintaining dignity;
- (e) Consumer directed care;
- (f) Cultural sensitivity;
- (g) Body mechanics;
- (h) Fall prevention;
- (i) Skin and body care;
- (j) Home care aide roles and boundaries;
- (k) Supporting activities of daily living; and
- (l) Food preparation and handling.

(3) An applicant must apply to take the examination by completing the application for both certification and the examination and returning it to the department. The department will notify the examination contractor once an applicant meets all requirements to take the certification examination.

(4) The examination contractor will notify an applicant of the date, time, and place of the examination.

(5) The examination contractor will notify both the department and an applicant of the examination results.

(a) An applicant who does not successfully pass any portion of the examination can follow the examination contractor's procedures for review and appeal.

(b) An applicant who does not successfully pass any portion of the examination may retake that portion of the examination two times.

(i) To retake the examination, an applicant must submit an application for reexamination, along with the required reexamination fee directly to the examination contractor.

(ii) An application for reexamination may be submitted any time after an applicant receives notice of not successfully completing any portion of the certification examination.

(c) An applicant who does not successfully pass both portions of the certification examination within two years of successfully completing the required training or who does not successfully pass both portions of the certification examination after completing the certification examination three consecutive times:

(i) Must retake and successfully complete the core competencies portion of the entry-level training as required by RCW 74.39A.074 before retaking both portions of the certification examination; and

(ii) Cannot continue to provide care as a long-term care worker until the certification has been issued.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.88B.021. WSR 18-20-072, § 246-980-100, filed 9/28/18, effective 10/29/18. Statutory Authority: Chapters 18.88B and 18.130 RCW, 2012 c 164, and 2013 c 259. WSR 13-19-087, § 246-980-100, filed 9/18/13, effective 10/19/13. Statutory Authority: Chapters 18.88B and 74.39A RCW. WSR 10-15-103, § 246-980-100, filed 7/20/10, effective 1/1/11.]