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PERMANENT RULES
PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR
STANDARDS BOARD

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

Purpose: This rule change would allow educators with permits expiring through June 30, 2021, to be issued one additional one-year permit. Educators are issued permits when they come in from out of state, and have met all certificate requirements with the exception of assessments.

Permits allow educators to serve while they complete assessments.

Testing centers are open, but they are operating at reduced capacity to allow for social distancing. This makes it challenging for educators to get an appointment date.

This permit extension would provide additional flexibility for educators in completing their assessment requirements during COVID-19 closures.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 181-79A-118.

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

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 20-23-074 on January 21, 2021 [November 16, 2020].

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 1, Amended 1, Repealed 0.

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 20-16-032, filed 7/25/20, effective 8/25/20)

WAC 181-79A-118 Expiration and lapse dates of certificates. (1) Certificates scheduled to expire June 30, 2020, under WAC 181-79A-117, or scheduled to lapse June 30, 2020, under WAC 181-85-100, excluding residency certificates that are subject to reissuance, are scheduled to expire or lapse June 30, 2021.

(2) Certificates scheduled to expire June 30, 2020, under WAC 181-79A-117, or scheduled to lapse June 30, 2020, under WAC

181-85-100, may have already been renewed. For these renewed certificates, the expiration or lapse date will be calculated as if the certificate expiring June 30, 2020, had an expiration or lapse date of June 30, 2021.

(3) Applications for renewal of certificates scheduled to expire June 30, 2021, may be submitted at any point prior to the June 30, 2021, expiration date.

(4) Limited certificates under WAC 181-79A-231, 181-77-014, and 181-77-081 expire as described in those sections.

(5) Permits under WAC 181-01-001, 181-02-001, 181-79A-128, and 181-79A-224 expire as described in those sections. Permits for candidates eligible under those sections which expired beginning July 1, 2019, and before (~~December 31, 2020~~) June 30, 2021, may be reissued once for one additional year.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW. WSR 20-16-032, § 181-79A-118, filed 7/25/20, effective 8/25/20.]