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PERMANENT RULES
PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR
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Effective Date of Rule: Thirty-one days after filing.

Purpose: Add a renewal date to newly issued educator certificates.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 181-79A-117.

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

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-15-085, filed 7/16/21, effective 8/16/21)

WAC 181-79A-117 Uniform expiration and renewal application date.

(1) All certificates issued for one or more stated years shall expire on June 30th of the stated year and shall be calculated as follows:

(a) Certificates issued prior to June 30th of a calendar year, other than limited certificates issued under WAC 181-79A-231, shall have the expiration date of the certificate calculated on the basis such certificate was issued on June 30th of the same calendar year regardless of the date of issuance.

(b) Certificates issued July 1st or later in the calendar year, other than limited certificates issued under WAC 181-79A-231, shall have the expiration date of the certificate calculated on the basis such certificate was issued on June 30th of the next calendar year regardless of the date of issuance.

(c) Certificates subject to renewal under chapter 181-79A WAC shall have a renewal application submission deadline six months prior to the certificate's expiration date. Any application for renewal sub-

mitted after the January 1st submission deadline date is considered late.

(2) An applicant who holds a valid certificate, who submits an application for further certification prior to the expiration date of that certificate, and who meets all the requirements of WAC 181-79A-128, shall be granted a (~~one hundred eighty day~~) 180-day permit under chapter 181-79A WAC.

(3) Any educator in the National Guard, U.S. military branch reserves, or U.S. Coast Guard reserve who is called up to active duty by one of the U.S. military branches by order of an authorized agency or official of Washington state government, or by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for more than (~~thirty~~) 30 consecutive days shall be granted an extension of the expiration date of their certificate. The extension shall be equal to the length of active duty service calculated to the next uniform expiration date.