

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 07-20-047, filed 9/26/07, effective 10/27/07)

WAC 181-79A-250 Initial/residency and continuing/professional certificates--Renewal, reinstatement, and continuing education requirements. The following shall apply to initial/residency and continuing/professional certificates issued pursuant to this chapter:

(1) Initial certificate.

(a) Teachers.

An initial teacher certificate may be renewed for an additional three-year period on application and verification that the individual has completed all course work requirements from a regionally accredited institution of higher education as defined in WAC 181-78A-010(6) for continuing certification or has completed at least fifteen quarter credit hours (ten semester credit hours) since the certificate was issued or renewed. After August 31, 2000, provisions of WAC 181-79A-123 will apply.

(b) Administrators.

After June 30, 2004, provisions of WAC 181-79A-123(8) will apply.

(c) Educational staff associates.

After June 30, 2005, provisions of WAC 181-79A-123(9) will apply.

(2) Residency certificate. Residency certificates shall be renewed under one of the following options:

(a) Teachers.

(i) Individuals who hold, or have held, a residency certificate and who qualify for enrollment in a professional certificate program pursuant to WAC 181-78A-535 (1)(a) may have the certificate renewed for one additional two-year period upon verification by the professional certificate administrator that the candidate is enrolled in a state approved professional certificate program.

(ii) Individuals who hold, or have held, residency certificates who do not qualify for enrollment in a professional certificate program pursuant to WAC 181-78A-535 (1)(a) may have their residency certificates renewed for one additional five-year period by the completion of fifteen quarter credits (ten semester credits) of college credit course work (normally one hundred level or higher) from a regionally accredited institution of higher education taken since the issuance of the residency certificate.

(iii) An individual who completes a national board certification assessment but does not earn national board certification, may use that completed assessment to renew the residency certificate for two years.

(iv) Individuals who complete the requirements in their school

district professional growth plan may use that completed plan to maintain the continuing certificate or renew the professional certificate.

(b) Principals/program administrators.

(i) Individuals who hold, or have held, a residency certificate and who qualify for enrollment in a professional certificate program pursuant to WAC 181-78A-535 (2) (a) may have the certificate renewed for one additional two-year period upon verification by the professional certificate program administrator that the candidate is enrolled in a state approved professional certificate program.

(ii) Individuals who hold, or have held, residency certificates who do not qualify for enrollment in a professional certificate program under WAC 181-78A-535 (2) (a) may have their residency certificates renewed for one additional five-year period by the completion of fifteen quarter credits (ten semester credits) of college credit course work, directly related to the current performance-based leadership standards as defined in WAC 181-78A-270 (2) (b) from a regionally accredited institution of higher education taken since the issuance of the residency certificate. Renewal beyond one time requires the completion of fifteen quarter credits (ten semester credits) directly related to the current performance-based leadership standards as defined in WAC 181-78A-270 (2) (b) plus an internship approved by a college or university with a professional educator standards board-approved residency certificate program and taken since the issuance of the last residency certificate.

(c) School counselors, school psychologists, or school social workers.

(i) Individuals who hold a residency certificate and who qualify for enrollment in a professional certificate program pursuant to WAC 181-78A-535 (3) may have the certificate renewed for one additional two-year period upon verification by the professional certificate program administrator that the candidate is enrolled in a state approved professional certificate program.

(ii) Individuals who hold, or have held, a residency certificate who do not qualify for admission to a professional certificate program under WAC 181-78A-535 (3) (a) may have their residency certificates renewed for one additional five-year period by the completion of fifteen quarter credits (ten semester credits) of college credit course work, directly related to the current performance-based standards as defined in WAC 181-78A-270 (5), (7), or (9) from a regionally accredited institution of higher education taken since the issuance of the residency certificate. Renewal for an additional five-year period requires the completion of fifteen quarter credits (ten semester credits) directly related to the current performance-based standards as defined in WAC 181-78A-270 (5), (7), or (9) completed since the issuance of the most recent residency certificate plus an internship approved by a college or university with a professional educator standards board-approved residency certificate program and taken since the issuance of the last residency certificate.

(d) Renewals based on conditions other than those described in WAC 181-79A-250 (2) (a) and (b) may be appealed to the professional educator standards board, or its designated appeals committee. The following conditions apply to such appeals:

(i) Individuals who appeal shall present a rationale and evidence to support their request to have their residency certificates renewed.

(ii) The professional educator standards board, or its designated appeals committee, in making its decision shall determine the length of the renewal and may establish specific conditions (such as course work requirements) as prerequisites for the reissuance of the residency certificate.

(3) Continuing certificate.

(a) The continuing certificates of holders who were eligible for such certificates prior to August 31, 1987, and who applied for such certificates prior to July 1, 1988, or who would have been eligible for such certificates prior to August 31, 1987, but for one of the three-year experience requirement and who complete such requirement and apply for such certificate prior to August 31, 1988, will be valid for life. Holders of valid continuing certificates affected by this subsection shall be entitled to have such certificate reissued and subject to the terms and conditions applicable to certification at the time of reissuance including the continuing education requirements of chapter 181-85 WAC.

(b) All continuing certificates not affected by the exception stated in (a) of this subsection shall lapse if the holder does not complete the continuing education requirement, to include the filing requirement specified in chapter 181-85 WAC. To reinstate such a lapsed continuing certificate the individual must complete the requirements for reinstatement stated within chapter 181-85 WAC and must meet the conditions stated in WAC 181-79A-253.

(4) Professional certificate.

(a) Teachers.

(i) A valid professional certificate may be renewed for additional five year periods by the completion of one hundred fifty continuing education credit hours as defined in chapter 181-85 WAC since the certificate was issued. An expired professional certificate may be renewed for an additional five-year period by presenting evidence to the superintendent of public instruction of completing the continuing education credit hour requirement within the five years prior to the date of the renewal application. All continuing education credit hours shall relate to either (a) (i) (A) or (B) of this subsection: Provided, That both categories (a) (i) (A) and (B) of this subsection must be represented in the one hundred fifty continuing education credit hours required for renewal:

(A) One or more of the following three standards outlined in WAC 181-78A-540:

(I) Effective instruction.

(II) Professional contributions.

(III) Professional development.

(B) One of the salary criteria specified in RCW 28A.415.023.

(I) Is consistent with a school-based plan for mastery of student learning goals as referenced in RCW 28A.320.205, the annual school performance report, for the school in which the individual is assigned;

(II) Pertains to the individual's current assignment or expected assignment for the subsequent school year;

(III) Is necessary to obtain an endorsement as prescribed by the professional educator standards board;

(IV) Is specifically required to obtain advanced levels of certification; or

(V) Is included in a college or university degree program that pertains to the individual's current assignment, or potential future assignment, as a certified instructional staff.

(ii) Provided, That a professional certificate may be renewed based on the possession of a valid teaching certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards at the time of application for the renewal of the professional certificate. Such renewal shall be valid for five years or until the expiration of the National Board Certificate, whichever is greater.

(b) Principals/program administrators.

(i) A professional certificate may be renewed for additional five year periods for individuals employed as a principal, assistant principal or program administrator in a public school or (~~professional educator standards board~~) state board of education-approved private school by:

(A) Completion of a professional growth plan that is developed and approved with the superintendent, superintendent designee, or appointed representative (e.g., educational service district personnel, professional association or organization staff, or peer from another district), and that documents formalized learning opportunities and professional development activities that:

(I) Emphasize continuous learning;

(II) Positively impact student learning;

(III) Relate to the six standards and "career level" benchmarks defined in WAC 181-78A-270 (2) (b);

(IV) Explicitly connect to the evaluation process;

(V) Reflect contributions to the school, district, and greater professional community; and

(VI) Identify areas in which knowledge and skills need to be enhanced.

(B) (~~Verification of satisfactory performance evaluations for the five year periods; and~~

~~(C)~~) Documented evidence of results of the professional growth plan on student learning.

(ii) Individuals not employed as a principal, assistant principal, or program administrator in a public school or (~~professional educator standards board~~) state board of education-approved private school may have their professional certificate renewed for one additional five-year period by the completion of fifteen quarter credits (ten semester credits) of college credit course work directly related to the current performance-based leadership standards as defined in WAC 181-78A-270 (2) (b) from a

regionally accredited institution of higher education taken since the issuance of the professional certificate. Renewal beyond one time requires the completion of fifteen quarter credits (ten semester credits) directly related to the current performance-based leadership standards as defined in WAC 181-78A-270 (2)(b) plus an internship approved by a college or university with a professional educator standards board-approved professional certificate program, and taken since the issuance of the last professional certificate.

(c) School counselors, school psychologists, or school social workers.

(i) A professional certificate may be renewed for additional five-year periods for individuals employed as a school counselor, school psychologist, or school social worker in a public school, (~~(professional educator standards board)~~) state board of education-approved private school, or in a state agency which provides educational services to students by:

(A) Completion of a professional growth plan that is developed and approved with the principal or principal designee, and that documents formalized learning opportunities and professional development activities that:

(I) Emphasize continuous learning;

(II) Positively impact student learning; and

(III) Reflect contributions to the school, district, and greater professional community; or

(B) Completion of one hundred fifty continuing education credit hours as defined in chapter 181-85 WAC since the certificate was issued and which relate to the current performance-based standards as defined in WAC 181-78A-270 (5), (7), or (9).

(ii) Individuals not employed as a school counselor, school psychologist, or a school social worker in a public school or (~~(professional educator standards board)~~) state board of education-approved private school may have their professional certificate renewed for an additional five-year period by:

(A) Completion of fifteen quarter credits (ten semester credits) of college credit course work directly related to the current performance-based standards as defined in WAC 181-78A-270 (5), (7), or (9) from a regionally accredited institution of higher education taken since the issuance of the professional certificate; or

(B) Completion of one hundred fifty continuing education credit hours as defined in chapter 181-85 WAC since the certificate was issued and which relate to the current performance-based standards as defined in WAC 181-78A-270 (5), (7), or (9); or

(C) Provided that, a school counselor professional certificate may be renewed based on the possession of a valid school counselor certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards at the time of application for the renewal of the professional certificate. Such renewal shall be valid for five years or until the expiration of the national board certificate, whichever is greater.