



School District Webinar

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Professional Certification

Certification Office

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Agenda

- Do you know? (certification information)
- Updates & reminders in certification
- ESA updates
- Paraeducator updates
- Clock hour information
- E-Certification enhancements
- Upcoming policy implementation
- Can't wait to see you there! (conferences & trainings)



Do you know? (Certificates & Permits)

Current certificate processing time

- 2 weeks from date of application

Permits work as a certificate

- All the same rights and responsibilities of a regular certificate

Testing a 1 year temporary permit will be issued pending test results are submitted

- Basic skills test (WEST-B) or an approved alternative
- Content area test (WEST-E/NES) or an approved alternative

Issuing a Residency an educator certificate

- Educators who request that their certificate be issued without an endorsement must use “adding an endorsement” process to add the endorsement
- The educator must meet requirements in place at the time of application



Do you know?

Rush Requests:

- Districts initiate a “Rush Request” online via E-Certification
- Fingerprints must be on file
- Educators need to have application materials in order
- Our office prioritizes rushed applications in the order in which they are received

Military or military spouses qualify for an expedited review

- Active military or military spouses should contact our office for a rush review at 360-725-6400 or cert@k12.wa.us



Certification Updates & Reminders

Limited Certificates- WAC 181-79A-231

- Emergency Substitute validity changes
 - Issued for up to two school years
 - Fee decrease, now \$49.00

Adding a school district to a Limited Certificate

- District Request
- Option allows district to pay
- Fee is less than a new request
- Certificate updated immediately (Automatically issued)



Policy Update

Basic Skills Testing Requirements

Out of State Applicants

- RCW change: 28A.410.220 has removed the passing score requirement on the WEST-B basic skills test
- WAC update coming soon to reflect the recent RCW change

In-State Applicants

- May still need to obtain a qualifying score on WEST-B to satisfy in-state program requirements



Certification Updates & Reminders

Dual Endorsements

- English Language Learner, Bilingual Education, Early Childhood Special Education, Special Education, General Science
- Must meet requirements for an additional endorsement before certificate can be issued
 - Test only option or
 - Program + test option
- Out of state applicants may be issued a second 12 month permit. All other testing requirements must be met.
- In state program completers can be recommended for one of these endorsements by their program (Different than certification requirement)



Certification Updates & Reminders

General Science Changes

As of September 1st 2019

- Educators must hold Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Space Science, or Physics before adding the General Science endorsement via *Test Only*.



ESA Changes

Details available on our website

- New School Behavior Analyst Certification Options:
 - Initial ESA School Behavior Analyst.
 - Conditional School Behavior Analyst.
- Changes Concerning Initial ESA Certification:
 - Initial ESA Course requirements changed from 30 to 15 hours.
 - Initial ESA certificate validity is now 5 years.
 - Beginning 9/1/2020, there will be an Initial ESA Renewal certificate, requiring completion of 100 continuing education hours to better align with the renewal standards of other educator certificates.
 - Beginning 9/1/2020, completion of an approved suicide prevention training required for renewal of an Initial ESA certificate for the School Nurse and School Social Worker roles. (Already required for Continuing ESA renewal.)



ESA Changes

Details available on our website

- Changes Concerning Residency ESA Certification:
 - Beginning 9/1/2020, completion of an approved suicide prevention training required for renewal of a Residency ESA certificate for the School Counselor and School Psychologist roles. (Already required for Continuing and Professional ESA renewal.)
- Changes Concerning Continuing ESA Certification:
 - Continuing ESA is no longer an option for the School Counselor and School Psychologist roles. (Upgrading to the Professional is still optional.)
 - Continuing ESA academic and experience requirements for School Nurse, School Occupational Therapist, School Physical Therapist, School Social Worker, School Speech-Language Pathologist/Audiologist changed to be more equal among the different roles
 - Valid Washington State Department of Health license now required for renewal of a Continuing ESA certificate for the School Nurse, School Occupational Therapist, and School Physical Therapist roles.



Paraeducator Certification

Fundamental Course of Study (FCS)

- Paraeducator will enter under PD
 - Credit Type
 - Completed Date

Once Entered Paraeducator Applications Become Available

Will Appear on District Paraeducator Report

Paraeducator Certificate Web Pages Now Online

- Please visit: <http://www.k12.wa.us/certification/default.aspx>
- Additional information available:
<https://www.pesb.wa.gov/paraeducator-certificate-program/>



Paraeducator Certification

General Certificate Requirements

- Completion of the Fundamental Course of Study (FCS)
- 70 additional professional development hours

Subject Matter Certificates

- English Language Learner – 20 hours of PD related to the standards
- Special Education – 20 hours of PD related to the standards
 - Can only be applied for once the FCS has been completed
- Advanced Paraeducator Certificate
 - 75 hours of PD related to the duties of an advanced Paraeducator
 - Can be earned once requirements and application complete for General Cert



Clock Hour Updates

- Clock hour committee WAC has been updated [WAC 181-85-045](#)
 - Committee may include Teachers, ESAs, Admins, Paraeducators, community members, or representatives from colleges/universities.
 - Prior to offering a course, the clock hour committee must approve: date of course, number of hours offered, course objectives and agenda, instructor and their qualifications, and relation to clock hour standards WAC 181-85-202
- Continuing education units (CEUs) from accredited colleges/universities, whether in-state or out-of-state. Other non-credit hours, such as Professional Development units (PDUs), are also being accepted. WAC 181-85-025
- All educators, who hold specific Department of Health (DOH) licenses, not just ESAs can use hours that satisfy the DOH renewal requirements. A list of specific licenses that educators must hold can be found here: [Department of Health License Hours as Clock Hours Info](#) WAC 181-85-077



Clock Hour Updates

- Continuing Education hours (STARS hours) for the Washington Department of Children, Youth & families (DCYF) are being accepted as clock hours. WAC 181-85-025
- Clock hour content of training WACs 181-85-030; 181-85-200; 181-85-045; 181-85-205 updated
 - The minimum amount of course hours has been reduced from three (3) hour to one (1) hour 8/1/2019
 - Individuals cannot receive clock hours if they are serving as the instructor for a course for which they are the only participant
 - Clock hour **may not** be retroactively issued
 - Educators must retain their own records of clock hours for any audit conducted by OSPI



E-Certification Enhancements, Changes, & Clarification

- Course codes for endorsements are back in E-Certification
- Demonstration of course codes tab
- How reports work, and sometimes don't work the way you need them
- New paraeducator applications and user guide
- Test display changes for WEST-B and parapro tests



Upcoming PESB Testing Reviews

- PESB Workgroups regarding testing:
 - Educator Assessment System Workgroup: Starts in Nov 2019 and will look at testing system in general to focus on a more cohesive testing system.
- Board looking at potential of transitioning from WEST-E to NES testing for the following endorsements: Special Education, Library Media, Family and Consumer Science, Business and Marketing.



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Upcoming Conferences/Trainings

Paraeducator webinar

- Would you like a separate webinar on the new paraeducator requirements?

Clock hour webinar

- Would you like a separate webinar on clock hour updates/processes?

E-Certification user guides are available on our website:
<https://www.k12.wa.us/certification/e-certification-washington-state-educators>



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Upcoming PESB Board Meetings

January 16-17th 2020 Hilton Garden Inn, Olympia

March 19-20th 2020 Marriott Seattle Airport, SeaTac

<https://www.pesb.wa.gov/about-us/board-meetings/>



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Upcoming Paraeducator Board Meetings

January 15-16th 2020 Hilton Garden Inn, Olympia

May 20th-21st 2020 The Hampton Inn, Richland

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Thank you!

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- <http://k12.wa.us/certification/Webinars.aspx>

