



Professional Certification

WSPA Region IV

April 17, 2019

Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction

Chris Reykdal, State Superintendent



OSPI Vision:

All students prepared for post-secondary pathways, careers, and civic engagement.

OSPI Mission:

Transform K–12 education to a system that is centered on closing opportunity gaps and is characterized by high expectations for all students and educators. We achieve this by developing equity-based policies and supports that empower educators, families, and communities.

OSPI Values:

- Ensuring Equity
- Collaboration and Service
- Achieving Excellence through Continuous Improvement
- Focus on the Whole Child

Certification Office

Presentation Team

- Tonya Bartlett
- Certification Administrative Program Specialist
- Jenny Word
- Customer Service Specialist



Agenda

- Paraeducator Certification
- Certification Changes
- Certification Updates and Reminders
- E-Certification Updates
- Questions??



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>



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 earned 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



Certification Changes

Limited Certificates- *WAC 181-79A-231*

- Emergency (all roles) no longer available starting Nov. 11, 2018
 - Previous Emergency Certificates can now be requested and issued as a Conditional Certificate
 - Non-Immigrant Exchange
 - Emergency Administrator for Principal role
 - Emergency ESAs
 - Conditional reissue requirements have decreased to 50 Clock Hrs.
 - Additional reissue requirements per role, please see our website for details



Certification Changes

Limited Certificates- WAC 181-79A-231

- Emergency Substitute validity changes
 - Issued for up to two school years
 - Fee decrease, now \$49.00
- Transitional still available for Continuing Certificates
- No longer applicable to Residency Certificate
- Previously issued limited certificates will not have updated expiration



Certification Updates and Reminders

- Rush Request Process
 - When to submit:
 - Immediate need
 - Completed Application, including all materials and fingerprints
- Refunds
 - Non-refundable. Only exception is system error
 - [WAC 392-194-002](#)
- Add a District Process
 - District Request
 - Option allows district to pay
 - Fee is less than a new request
 - Immediate



Certification Updates and Reminders

- Educator and Paraeducator Accounts
 - Encourage educators to create account for E-Certification
- Upcoming Certificate Expiration Date Notifications
 - Educators must have an updated and valid email within their E-Certification record to receive this notice
 - Expiration date notices- expiring certificate holders, expiration date 6/30/2019
 - First and second notice sent February-March 2019
 - Residency FI/PS, Limited and all other education certificates
 - Third notice to be sent mid-late April 2019/Final notice to be sent May-June 2019
 - All expiring certificates, excluding those who have taken action toward updating certificates



Certification Updates and Reminders

Permit Process

- All the same rights and responsibilities of a regular certificate
- Educators have a year to complete outstanding testing requirements
 - Time to decide whether or not they would like to complete testing for all of their eligible endorsement areas
- Certificates issued without an endorsement
 - Additional application and fee



Registry of Certificates-

verification of certificates is completed through E-Certification
[RCW 28A.410.070](#)

The official certificate view is only available to the educator to download and print.

SD verification of certificates is done through accessing E-Certification.

The online image HR's can see is primary, valid, and meets the requirement for **Registry of Certification**.



State of Washington

EDUCATION CERTIFICATE

NAME: JOHN DOE
ISSUE DATE: 02/20/2008
CERTIFICATE NO: 504673E
EXPIRATION DATE: 06/30/2014 |
CERTIFICATE TYPE: RESIDENCY TEACHER (FIRST ISSUE)

ENDORSEMENTS:

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

VALID ONLY UNTIL YOU ARE REPORTED AS A TEACHER IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN WASHINGTON WITH AT LEAST 1.5 YEARS OF FULL TIME EQUIVALENT EXPERIENCE.

Chris P.S. Reynolds
SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Alteration Renders This Certificate Null and Void

JOHN DOE
PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION
PO BOX 47200
OLYMPIA, WA 98504-7200

DO NOT REMOVE THIS PORTION OF THE CERTIFICATE

This certificate authorizes you to practice in Washington State.

Endorsement(s) marked with "" are based on Out-Of-State program.

For further information please refer to:

PO BOX 47200, Olympia, WA 98504-7200
Phone: (360) 725-6400 Fax: (360) 586-0145
Email: cert@k12.wa.us Web: www.k12.wa.us/certification

If you receive information from a source other than the OSPI Certification Office, it is your responsibility to contact OSPI to ensure you have accurate information

CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. THE CERTIFICATED PROFESSIONAL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR BEING KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT CURRENT AND REVISED REGULATIONS. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER TO OBTAIN AND MAINTAIN VALID APPROPRIATE WASHINGTON CERTIFICATION TO PRACTICE IN THIS STATE.



Upcoming Board Meetings

- Previous and upcoming board meetings and materials
 - <https://www.pesb.wa.gov/about-pesb/pesb-meetings/>
 - Last PESB board meeting March 21 – 22, 2019
 - Next PESB board meeting May 16 – 17, 2019 Richland
 - <https://www.pesb.wa.gov/paraeducator-board/paraeducator-board-meetings/>
 - Last Paraeducator board meeting March 20, 2019
 - Next Paraeducator board meeting May 15 - 16, 2019 Richland



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Thank you!

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This presentation along with other trainings, webinars, and presentations can be found at:

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

