

Frequently Asked Questions

E2SHB 1341 and related WAC

Residency and Professional Certificates for Teachers and Administrators

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What is the impact of E2SHB 1341 on residency and professional certificates for teachers and principals?

Teachers and principals may now renew their residency certificates in five-year intervals by completing 100 clock hours. Obtaining a professional certificate is now optional.

E2SHB 1341 states:

By September 1, 2017, the Washington Professional Educator Standards Board shall adopt rules allowing teachers and principals with at least two years of experience, who hold or have held a residency certificate and have not achieved the professional certificate, to renew their residency certificate in five-year intervals based on completion of ten credits or one hundred clock hours as defined in RCW 28A.415.020 and 28A.415.023.

Can teachers still pursue professional certification through ProTeach or National Board Certification?

Yes, ProTeach and National Board Certification are still available as options to obtain a professional teaching certificate. ETS has agreed to honor the current contract, ending December 31st 2019, and offer the ProTeach Portfolio at its current cost. This means there are four remaining submission dates for the ProTeach Portfolio. The PESB will discuss and determine what if any new means for attaining a professional certificate, other than National Board Certification, will exist.

If I choose to attain the Professional Certificate through ProTeach or National Board, do I still get clock hours for salary advancement?

Yes, successfully passing the ProTeach Portfolio earns 150 clock hours per PESB WAC.

Successfully achieving National Board Certification earns 90 clock hours per PESB WAC. The first 45 clock-hour-allotment is offered to National Board candidates upon “completion” of the National Board process. The second 45-clock-hour allotment is available upon achieving the National Board certificate.

The Fiscal Year 2018 budget continues the annual bonuses for National Board Certified Teachers along with the annual inflationary increases.

When are teachers eligible for a five-year residency certificate?

Teachers are eligible for a five-year residency certificate when they have accumulated 1.5 FTE of successful experience over at least two years.

When are principals, program administrators, and educational staff associates eligible for a five-year residency certificate?

Principals, program administrators, and educational staff associates are eligible for a five-year residency certificate (also called a dated residency or residency reissuance) when they have completed two years of successful service in the role in Washington with a school district, state approved private school, or state agency that provides educational services for students.

These two years do not need to be consecutive, they do not need to be completed with the same employer, and the individual does not need to have a contract for a third year with an employer in place prior to the issuance of the five-year residency certificate.

How may a teacher renew a residency certificate?

A valid residency teaching certificate may be renewed by completion of one hundred continuing education credit hours (clock hours) as defined in chapter 181-85 WAC. These clock hours must be completed during the validity period of the certificate.

For teachers at the elementary and secondary levels in STEM-related subjects, renewal applications for residency, professional, continuing and CTE certificates must document completion of the STEM professional development requirement.

How can principals and program administrators renew their residency certificates?

Principals and program administrators may renew their residency certificate by completing one hundred continuing education credit hours (clock hours) as defined in chapter 181-85 WAC.

In addition to renewing a residency certificate for five years with 100 clock hours, principals and program administrators are eligible for a one time 3-year renewal. This option is available to residency principals and program administrators whose certificate has an expiration date on or prior to June 30, 2019. This is a [paper-only application](#); it will not be available in the ECert system.

When can the 100 clock hours for residency certificate renewal be earned?

Clock hours for renewal of the first five-year teacher, principal, and program administrator certificate must be completed since the issue date of the reissued, dated residency certificate.

Subsequent five-year residency renewals shall be issued based on completion of 100 clock hours or equivalent college credit since the issue date of the latest five-year residency renewal certificate.

What is the impact of E2SHB 1341 on professional certificate renewal?

There are no changes to renewal requirements for **professional** certificates.

Administrators with a professional level certificate who are **serving in the role** of principal and/or program administrator have always been required to complete four PGPs during the five-year validity of their certificate. Administrators **not serving in the role** have [clock hour and credit options](#).

Professional level certificates issued after September 1, 2014 for teachers, school counselors and school psychologists are renewed by completing four PGPs during the five-year validity dates of the certificate and may not be renewed with clock hours. National Board Certified Teachers may renew their professional certificate with a valid National Board Certificate.

For **professional level certificates issued prior to September 1, 2014** for teachers, school counselors and school psychologists there are four options for renewing the certificate.

- Continue to use 150 clock hours or equivalent college credit for renewal.
- Or, renew by completing four PGPs during the five-year validity date of the certificate
- Or, renew by combining completed PGPs with clock hours for a total of 150 hours. (e.g. 3 PGPs + 60 CH = 150 CH)
- Or, by possession of a valid certificate issued by National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, or the National Association of School Psychologists

Teachers with STEM related endorsements are required to complete the [STEM professional development requirement](#) in order to renew their professional certificates.

Administrators and teachers with professional certificates must complete the [TPEP certificate renewal requirement](#).

What is the impact of E2SHB 1341 on continuing certificate renewal?

There are no changes to renewal requirements for **continuing** certificates.

Continuing level certificate holders have four options for renewing the certificate.

- Continue to use 150 clock hours or equivalent college credit for renewal.
- Or, renew by completing four PGPs during the five-year validity date of the certificate
- Or, renew by combining completed PGPs with clock hours for a total of 150 hours. (e.g. 3 PGPs + 60 CH = 150 CH)
- Or, by possession of a valid certificate issued by National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, or the National Association of School Psychologists

Administrators and teachers with continuing certificates must complete the [TPEP certificate renewal requirement](#).

Teachers with STEM related endorsements are required to complete the [STEM professional development requirement](#) in order to renew their continuing certificates.

What is the STEM professional development requirement for certificate renewal?

Beginning on September 1, 2019, renewal applications for **residency, professional, and continuing teacher and CTE certificates** must document completion of at least 15 clock hours, or at least one goal from an annual professional growth plan* (PGP), with an emphasis on STEM integration to meet this renewal requirement.

STEM integration is the authentic combination of at least two of the STEM components (science, technology, engineering, mathematics). The requirement applies to the following endorsement areas:

- Elementary Education (K-8) endorsement
- Early Childhood Education (P-3) endorsement
- Mathematics (5-12)
- Middle Level Math (4-9)
- Middle Level Science (4-9)
- Science (5-12)
- Designated Sciences (5-12): Biology, Chemistry, Earth & Space Science, Physics
- Technology Education
- CTE Teachers

The STEM certificate renewal requirement is considered to be met by holders of a valid National Board Certificate.

Please see the OSPI Certification page on the [STEM certificate renewal requirement](#) for more information. [STEM certificate renewal RCW may be found here.](#)

What is the TPEP professional development requirement for certificate renewal?

Beginning on September 1, 2019, renewal applications for **professional and continuing teacher, continuing teacher, administrator, and CTE certificates** must document completion of at least 15 clock hours, or at least one goal from an annual professional growth plan (PGP), related to the knowledge and competency of the teacher and principal evaluation criteria or system. This is **not required for residency** certificate renewal.

Please see the OSPI Certification page on the [TPEP certificate renewal requirement](#) for more information. [TPEP certificate renewal RCW may be found here](#).

What are the requirements for coursework in Issues of Abuse?

Candidates who apply for a residency renewal, continuing, or professional certificate who have not already successfully completed course work or an in-service program on issues of abuse, must complete the abuse course work requirement as defined in WAC 181-79A030.

How may an educator renew multiple certificates?

Under current WAC, the eligible clock hours you earn count for renewal of any certificate you hold. If you are choosing, or are required to renew, a certificate with a Professional Growth Plan (PGP), that PGP counts for other certificates you hold which require a PGP. In addition, the clock hours earned for a PGP may count toward renewal of other certificates you hold that are renewed through clock hours.