



“Continuing” Renewal Requirements Including Additional Certificates

Continuing Certificates

Continuing certificate holders have four options for renewing the certificate. [WAC 181-85-075](#). There are no changes to these renewal requirements.

- Continue to use 150 clock hours or equivalent college credit for renewal.
- Or, renew by completing four annual PGPs during the five-year validity date of the certificate
- Or, renew by combining completed annual 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

Residency certificates must lead to the completion of [ProTeach](#) for teachers; a ProCert program for [Administrators](#) and [ESAs](#); or National Board Certification.

- When completing the ProTeach Portfolio in Washington State, a practice PGP focusing on the next level of standards must be developed. This is an opportunity to learn about how to develop and organize a professional growth plan. Educators renew their professional-tier certificate by completing four annual PGPs during the five-year validity of the certificate.

Initial certificates must progress to the Continuing level by the requirements of the appropriate certificated role.

National Board Certified educators renew their Professional certificate through maintaining a valid National Board certificate.

Standard Certificates issued prior to 1987 are not affected because they do not need to renew their certificate. These are the undated, un-endorsed “lifetime,” “golden ticket,” certificates.

Additional Certification Renewal Requirements -- including STEM-related subject areas, suicide prevention training, and principal training on the evaluation system.

<http://program.pesb.wa.gov/professional-growth-plan-pgp-t/additional-certification-renewal-requirements>

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