

CERTIFICATION WEBINAR 3/2/2016

Q & A

Q: When I run an expiration report on my district, there is an individual listed that does not work for our district. Do I need to report that to someone at OSPI?

A: Yes

Q: Is there a way for us (HR) to check if they have an email on file?

A: Yes their email will appear on the right of their E-Certification profile under 'Email'.

Q: I missed how you got to the Certificates and Endorsements Report Screen. Can you please show us again? Thank you.

A: This feature currently is in our testing environment and will be available for your use in the future.

Q: When will the endorsement report be available for districts?

A: We currently don't have a timeline as to when this will be available for your use. When this becomes available for your use we will notify everyone.

Q: You said this report was for school districts. Can certification officers also access this report?

A: Yes, we will probably set up security so the IHE's are able to use this too.

Q: Are you going to add ESAs as well in the certificate section?

A: It will be for any and all certificates issued.

Q: On the residency reissuance report, we have a couple of teachers who did not show on our report but that received an e-mail about expiration. Is there a way to include them in our district's report?

A: Please email Laura with the teacher's information and she will take a look at the data to see why they are not showing on your report.

Q: Laura, Are individuals who haven't had their expiration date set for their reissuance. Are they able to reissue w/o the expiration date or do they need to wait until the following year?

A: They should wait until we set their expiration date.

Q: Is this webinar being recorded? We have an emergency and may need to disconnect, but we need the information. We can view the recording later this week. Thanks!!

A: Yes, it will be available soon on our website.

Q: Does this apply to anyone who holds a residency FI? Like specialists?

A: Yes. If they do not have an expiration date on their Residency FI they do not want to apply to reissue.

Q: If a teacher lost their certificate last year will they still need to be out for 5 years? Or if the rule changes will they be allowed to return sooner?

A: If the rule changes they will be allowed to return sooner. The five year will be changed to one year.

Q: When a teacher submits another state test to meet the requirements for content area, what is the turnaround time for approval? There are a couple of teachers that have submitted test results from listed states but have not seen an update in their application or test area in e-cert.

A: From the date that the application is received it is currently taking 4 weeks for review. If the educator submitted test scores after the first review then it can take up to an additional 2 weeks for the application to be re-reviewed.

Q: Is it possible for teachers who are coming from out of state with more than 1.5 years of experience not have to renew in the same year they are awarded their first issue certificate? For example: We have a teacher that we hired out of state with 21+ years of experience. The received their WA cert in January and now this teacher has to renew his cert.

A: If the educator is reported for 1.5 FTE or more on the S-275 report they will gain an expiration date whether or not the experience was gained in Washington State or elsewhere.

Q: David when you are talking about testing for content area, this sound like highly qualified testing. I am confused about what you mean since HQ is no longer applicable.

A: Testing is required for certificate issuance and was also used as HQT. HQT is no longer applicable but certification testing is required.

Q: I know, but is there any way that OSPI can help with this so that the cert doesn't have to renew that same year?

A: Teachers who arrive with experience will be required to complete the issuance process sooner than a new teacher without experience. Teachers with experience will also be in a better position to complete the ProTeach online assessment.

Q: Who specifically do we contact to be added to the "Gov." list?

A: You can register form the OSPI home page. <http://www.k12.wa.us/default.aspx>

Select the email link that is located at the bottom of the page.



Q: I missed where I can view the tests WA will accept from other states.

A: <http://assessment.pesb.wa.gov/assessments/weste/west-e-equivalent-exam-chart>

Q: Will the system be fixing the glitch, where when a teacher has their residency cert (which expires this June) and has been issued their professional cert - be corrected? We find when we print the current expiration report, it lists the residency cert - instead of having it removed when it's replaced with the professional cert.

A: This is currently being reviewed by the vendor.

Q: Since HQ is no longer applicable, are teachers who tested for different content areas endorsed to teach in those areas? What do they need to do to get the endorsements on their certificate?

A: No. They would not have the areas they tested in for HQT as an endorsement. They would have to following an endorsement pathway to be able to add the area as an endorsement to their certificate.

Q: To clarify: Teacher Preparation Programs can accept these other tests in lieu of WEST E or NES endorsement tests?

A: No, we believe it is for candidates coming to us from another state. Please clarify with PESB.

Q: The 15 STEM clock hours/one PGP requirement takes effect in "2019." Will that be after 6/30/2019?

A: Renewals due June 30, 2019 will need to show the completion of either the 15 clock hours or 1 goal from 1 PGP with STEM emphasis.

Q: What was the WAC for the conditional verbiage for substitute assignments?

A: If you are seeking guidance please refer to the conditional certificate WAC 181-79A-231.

Q: Please clarify, a substitute can be in a teaching assignment for 180 days with a plan of assistance. Is that correct?

A: Yes.

Q: Where do we view deficiency letters?

A: At the bottom of the educator home page.

Q: Can you repeat the WAC for supporting substitutes and writing a plan of professional learning when in the classroom for more than 30 days.

A: WAC 181-79A-231.

Q: How many clock hours can they use in place of a PGP plan?

A: If they hold a Professional certificate issued after June 2014 they are required to complete 4 PGP's in 5 years. If they plan to use the ONE TIME option renewing with clock hours, credits, PGP's or a mixture, a total of 150 clock hours is required. Each PGP is worth 30 clock hours.

Q: Confused on the PGP part - effective until 6/30/2020? Are PGPs going away for renewal?

A: PGP's are not going away in 2020. What this was in reference to is the one time option to renew with 150 clock hours if the educator was unable to complete the 4 PGP's in 5 years. This is a ONE TIME option and will only be available until 2020.

Q: Can out of state content tests be used for students seeking initial residency certificates through a Washington university?

A: If they are completing a Washington State approved program they will need to contact the institution for the required testing for that program.

Q: If a teacher is endorsed in Elem Ed and has passed the WEST-E Mid-Level Science test, can they apply to be endorsed in this area? I'm just trying to understand the Pathways Chart on the PESB site.

A: Please contact customer service within the Certification office for endorsement pathway information.

Q: Can teachers with an elementary education endorsement (k-8) teach at the middle level?

A: Placement is determined at the district level or you can contact PESB or additional placement questions.

Q: We don't get a complete listing of WWU candidates that have Pre-Residency Clearance Certificates on reports. Thus I'm wondering if Recommending Agency is getting recorded.

A: There is a ticket into the vendor to research this item.

Q: To clarify, an educator holding a substitute certificate, is now allowed to be assigned to a classroom for 180 days? Is that the same for an educator holding an Emergency Substitute Teacher certificate?

A: The 30 day restriction in one assignment has been lifted for both the Substitute and Emergency Substitute.

Q: Middle school-will they need a PE endorsement to teach PE?

A: Please email your questions regarding endorsements to cert@k12.wa.us

Q: Who do they submit the PGP plan to and what documentation do we need to award the clock hours?

A: The educator will keep the PGP documentation for their records and electronically record the PGP under Professional Development in the E-Certification system. If the district awards clock hours for PGP's please use form 1128-8. <http://www.k12.wa.us/certification/ClockhoursDocumentation.aspx>

Q: There is a lot of good information in the applications themselves. Is there still a place we can go to access paper copies of applications?

A: No. If the application is available online through the E-Certification system the paper application is no longer available.

Q: What if they their certificate expires 2020, they are National Board Certified and their cert shows Professional Cert - PGP?

A: If the educator holds a valid National Board Certificate they can use this for renewal in lieu of PGP's.

Q: I do not see the "sample" of a plan for support for substitute teachers in the Limited Cert section. Could you email this document to us for reference?

A: There is not a sample for emergency substitute at this time. If you are seeking guidance please refer to the conditional certificate WAC 181-79A-231.

Q: What kind of documentation will be provided to Districts to document the 30 clock hours for one PGP?

A: Form 1128-8 <http://www.k12.wa.us/certification/ClockhoursDocumentation.aspx>

Q: Are you able to complete five PGPs in a five year period for salary advancement OR previous to 9/1/14 renewal?

A: If you have salary questions please contact the School Apportionment and Financial Services office. 360 725-6303.

Q: What states are testing's accepted?

A: You can locate the list of acceptable out of state testing on the PESB website.

<http://assessment.pesb.wa.gov/assessments/weste/west-e-equivalent-exam-chart>