

CERTIFICATION WEBINAR 4/6/2016

Q & A

Q: Are they considered "fully endorsed" by ESSA standards with a transitional certificate?

A: For an answer to this question, please contact our Title 2 office at title2quality@k12.wa.us or 360-725-6340.

Q: We have many applicants who are interested in the emergency substitute certificate - who are eligible for a sub cert, or a teaching cert, but are having troubles reaching the OSPI requirements to obtain these certifications. We tell them we cannot sponsor them for an emergency sub cert, and then they go to another district who does sponsor them - and then OSPI issues them an emergency sub cert.

A: We honor the District Request for the Emergency Substitute certificate. If the specialist sees that the applicant qualifies for a non-limited certificate, they may contact the applicant for additional documentation. However, if our office has no evidence that they qualify for a non-limited certificate, we honor the District Request assuming that requirements are being met.

Q: Are we responsible for screening limited certificate applicants, to ensure they meet the OSPI requirements, or does OSPI also review their credentials to ensure they are eligible?

A: Both parties are responsible for making sure that the individual meets requirements.

Q: Does the applicant need to pay for an Emergency Sub Certificate each time a different district wants to hire that candidate to sub?

A: The first Emergency Substitute certificate costs \$54, no matter how many district requests have been submitted. After the certificate has been issued, if the educator wants to add additional districts, and fee is \$39 per "action," meaning per time(s) the application is re-opened for review.

Q: How many conditional certificates may a district request for an individual teacher? Is there a maximum?

A: There is currently not a limit, unless the conditional certificate is being requested for a Special Education or School Speech Language Pathologist or Audiologist assignment.

Q: Since E-Cert no longer shows expired certificates, how will we know if they have had a prior certificate for the transitional?

A: E-Certification does display expired certificates - if you are viewing someone's credentials, select "show all" on the left hand side of the page above the "certificates" table. This will show all previously held certificates.

Q: Does the applicant need to have current fingerprint clearance through the life of the limited certificate?

A: Once the certificate is issued it is valid. As long as they have fingerprint clearance at the time of application the certificate will be issued - they do not need to maintain current clearance throughout the life of the certificate.

Q: If we request an endorsement for a conditional certificate - do we still need to submit this teacher as an out of endorsement teacher to our school board?

A: For assignment questions, please contact PESB at pesb@k12.wa.us or 360-725-6275.

Q: Or does this endorsement request meet the ESSA requirements for being endorsed?

A: For ESSA questions, please contact our Title 2 office at title2quality@k12.wa.us or 360-725-6340

Q: Is there a way to see what the application looks like from the applicants login? I often get questions from the applicant on how to process their payment, etc.

A: You can switch to your Educator role in the E-Cert system and create a "mock" application to see the entire process.

Q: Where will this be posted on the website? Which page?

A: On the "Certification Webinars" link on the left side of the main Certification webpage.

Q: Has the fee changed for the emergency sub from \$48 to \$39?

A: No -- The fee for the Emergency Substitute certificate is \$54. If the educator wants to add additional districts after the certificate has been issued, they must pay an additional \$39 processing fee for each "action," aka each time the application must be re-opened.

Q: So no longer allowing someone to apply for multiple schools for an Emergency Sub with just one fee?

A: Yes -- as long as the certificate application is still in the "Open" status (meaning it has not been processed) the educator can apply for as many districts as they like for one fee. However, once the certificate has been issued, they must pay a processing fee (\$39) to add additional districts as their application has already been processed.

Q: If two school districts are requesting the same individual at the same time for an ER Sub Certificate, does that individual still have to pay two separate fees?

A: If the certificate has not been processed yet, no. If the certificate has been processed and issued for one district (meaning the educator has a certificate in hand with one district listed on it) and then wants to add another district, then they must pay an additional processing fee (\$39).

Q: Is most of the information on this webinar new or standard information? I'm new to the district and just learning about teaching certificates. Can you suggest any other webinar's to watch for a new comer?

A: This webinar contained standard information that is available on our website. There is one prior webinar that you can watch on our website under the "Certification Webinars" link, which can be found on the left hand side of our main Certification website.