

# OSPI Rule Making Public Hearings

## Public Hearings and Comment Period for Rule Making

OSPI will hold a public hearing for proposed changes to rules, also known as Washington Administrative Code (WAC). Changes to the following WAC chapters and/or sections are being considered:

- Chapter 392-194 WAC

The purpose of the hearing and comment period is to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to the WAC/rule language. **Please review the proposed changes before submitting comments or testifying.**

## Participating in the Public Hearing and Comment Period

Due to public health concerns caused by the COVID-19 virus, the public hearing will be held online, via Zoom. An in-person hearing (physical location) will not be available.

You can participate in the rules hearing and comment period by:

1. **Submitting written comments by October 26, 2021:**
  - Email: [david.kinnunen@k12.wa.us](mailto:david.kinnunen@k12.wa.us) (please include "Rules" in email subject line)
  - Mail: OSPI, Attn: David Kinnunen, PO Box 47200, Olympia, WA 98504
2. **Attend the public hearing (webinar).** Please follow the link below to register to participate in the hearing. Once registered, you will be provided the hearing link.
  - [October 26, 2021, 9:00 a.m.](#)
  - If you plan to testify during the hearing, please indicate that when you register. In order to allow all those interested a chance to testify, each person will have up to five (5) minutes to comment on the proposed WAC language changes during the hearing. Please ensure your comments are specific to the proposal.

For questions about the rules hearing process, please contact the OSPI Rules Coordinator, Kristin Murphy, at [Kristin.murphy@k12.wa.us](mailto:Kristin.murphy@k12.wa.us).



AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 12-03-065, filed 1/12/12, effective 2/12/12)

**WAC 392-194-001 Purpose and authority.** The purpose of this chapter is to establish the fee for processing ~~((initial))~~ educator and paraeducator certificate applications and subsequent actions. The authority for this chapter is ~~((chapter 23 (ESHB 1449), Laws of 2011))~~ RCW 28A.410.062. OSPI will review every two years to assure the fee is at a sufficient level to defray the costs of administering the educator certification program under RCW 28A.300.040(9) and the paraeducator certificate program under chapter 28A.413 RCW.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 15-16-077, filed 7/31/15, effective 8/31/15)

**WAC 392-194-002 Fee for processing initial educator certificate applications and subsequent actions.** ~~((Effective October 1, 2011,))~~ The superintendent of public instruction will charge a nonrefundable fee of ~~((thirty-nine dollars))~~ \$51 for processing any certificate application or requests for administrative action which results in the issuance, renewal, or reissuance of a permit or certificate ~~((pursuant to RCW 28A.410.010, 28A.410.025, 28A.410.210, and chapters 181-85 and 181-77 WAC; for issuance of a letter authorizing internship/student teaching pursuant to WAC 181-78A-130; and any subsequent action upon any certificate or permit referred to within this chapter. Educator certificates governed under this chapter include:~~

~~(1) Teacher. The teacher certificate, including teacher exchange permits as provided in WAC 181-79A-140, authorizes service as a classroom teacher.~~

~~(2) Career and technical. The career and technical education certificate authorizes service in career and technical education programs in accordance with the provisions of chapter 181-77 WAC.~~

~~(3) First people's language/culture. The first peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions teacher certificate authorizes service as defined under WAC 181-78A-700(8).~~

~~(4) Administrator.~~

~~(5) Educational staff associate. The educational staff associate certificate authorizes service in the roles of school speech pathologists or audiologists, school counselors, school nurses, school occupational therapists, school physical therapists, school psychologists, and school social workers: Provided, That nothing within chapter 181-79A WAC authorizes professional practice by an educational staff associate which is otherwise prohibited or restricted by any other law, including licensure statutes and rules and regulations promulgated by the appropriate licensure board or agency.~~

~~(6) Limited certificates. The following limited certificates are issued to individuals under specific circumstances set forth in WAC 181-79A-231:~~

~~(a) Conditional certificate.~~

~~(b) Substitute certificate.~~

~~(c) Emergency certificate.~~

~~(d) Emergency substitute certificate.~~

~~(e) Nonimmigrant alien exchange teacher.~~

~~(f) Intern substitute teacher certificate.~~

~~(g) Transitional certificate.~~

~~(h) Provisional alternative administrative certificate.)~~) in accordance with chapters 28A.410 and 28A.413 RCW.

(1) Educator certificates issued under chapter 181-79A WAC will be charged a fee of \$51 for processing educator certificates and subsequent actions.

(2) Paraeducator certificates issued under Title 179 WAC will be charged a fee of \$39 for processing paraeducator certificates and subsequent actions.