

**WAC 246-809-095 Probationary license.** (1) The department shall issue a probationary license to out-of-state applicants seeking licensure in Washington state for an advanced social worker, independent clinical social worker, mental health counselor, or marriage and family therapist according to the conditions and restrictions of the reciprocity program established in RCW 18.225.140 and this chapter.

(2) The out-of-state license must be from a state or territory identified on a list published by the department as eligible for reciprocity for the purposes of a probationary license for the particular behavioral health profession.

(3) An initial probationary license is valid for one year. To receive an initial probationary license, the applicant must submit to the department a completed application to include:

- (a) Verification of their out-of-state license; and
- (b) The fee according to WAC 246-809-990.

(4) A probationary license may be renewed a single time and is valid for one year after the date of renewal. To renew the probationary license, an applicant must submit to the department a completed application to include:

- (a) Completion of suicide assessment, treatment, and management according to WAC 246-809-615(1); and
- (b) The fee according to WAC 246-809-990.

(5) Continuing education. With the exception of the requirements of subsection (4) this section, continuing education requirements will apply once a probationary licensee transitions to a full license.

(6) Approved supervision. If the department determines a probationary licensee must complete supervised hours of experience as a condition for full licensure, the licensee must complete the stated hours under an approved supervisor according to the conditions of this chapter.

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