

**WAC 246-930-020 Underlying credential required.** (1) Under RCW 18.155.020 (2), only a person who is a licensed psychologist, licensed marriage and family therapist, licensed social worker, licensed mental health counselor, or psychiatrist as defined in RCW 71.05.020 may be certified as a provider.

(2) Under RCW 18.155.030(6), a person certified by the department as a provider prior to June 11, 2020, is considered to have met the requirement of holding an underlying health license or credential, provided the underlying license or credential remains active and in good standing.

(3) A person who is a licensed psychologist, licensed marriage and family therapist, licensed social worker, licensed mental health counselor, or psychiatrist in a state or jurisdiction other than Washington may satisfy this requirement by submitting the following:

(a) A copy of the current credential issued by the credentialing state meeting the requirements of RCW 18.155.080(3);

(b) A copy of the statute, administrative regulation, or other official document of the issuing state which sets forth the minimum requirements for the credential;

(c) A statement from the issuing authority:

(i) That the credential is in good standing;

(ii) That there is no disciplinary action currently pending; and

(iii) Listing any formal discipline actions taken by the issuing authority with regard to the credential;

(d) A statement signed by the applicant, on a form provided by the department, submitting to the jurisdiction of the Washington state courts for the purpose of any litigation involving his or her practice as a sex offender treatment provider; and

(e) A statement signed by the applicant on a form provided by the department, that the applicant does not intend to practice the health profession for which he or she is credentialed by another state within the state of Washington without first obtaining an appropriate credential to do so from the state of Washington, except as may be authorized by Washington state law.

(4) A person who has a comparable certification or has met work experience requirements in another state or jurisdiction under RCW 18.155.080(3) is considered for certification.

(5) Underlying registration, certification, or licensure shall be maintained in good standing. If an underlying registration, certification, or licensure is not renewed or is revoked, certification as a sex offender treatment provider or affiliate sex offender treatment provider is revoked. If an underlying registration, certificate or license is suspended, the sex offender treatment provider certification is suspended. If there is a stay of the suspension of an underlying registration, certificate or license the sex offender treatment provider program must independently evaluate the reasonableness of a stay for the sex offender treatment provider.

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