

WAC 246-834-450 Inactive license. (1) A licensed midwife may obtain an inactive license by meeting the requirements of WAC 246-12-090.

(2) An inactive license must be renewed every year on the midwife's birthday according to WAC 246-12-100 and by paying the fee required under WAC 246-834-990.

(3) A midwife with an inactive license may return to active status.

(a) A midwife with an inactive license for three years or less who wishes to return to active status must meet the requirements of WAC 246-12-110.

(b) A midwife with an inactive license for more than three years, who has been in active practice in another United States jurisdiction or territory or other location approved by the department and wishes to return to active status shall:

(i) Submit verification of active practice; and

(ii) Meet the requirements of WAC 246-12-110.

(c) A midwife with an inactive license for more than three years but less than five, who has not been in active practice and wishes to return to active status must:

(i) Work as a birth assistant under the supervision of a department-approved preceptor for a minimum of 10 births; and

(ii) Meet the requirements of WAC 246-12-110.

(d) A midwife with an inactive license for more than five years who has not been in active practice and wishes to return to active status shall:

(i) Work as a birth assistant under the supervision of a department-approved preceptor for a minimum of 15 births;

(ii) Retake and successfully pass the Washington state licensing examination; and

(iii) Meet the requirements of WAC 246-12-110.

(4) A proposed preceptor shall:

(a) Hold an active license without restriction, current discipline, or conditions as a midwife under chapter 18.50 RCW, a certified nurse midwife under chapter 18.79 RCW, an allopathic physician under chapter 18.71 RCW, or an osteopathic physician under chapter 18.57 RCW;

(b) Have actively practiced at least three consecutive years or attended at least 150 births; and

(c) Have demonstrated ability and skill to provide safe, quality care.

(5) A licensed midwife with an inactive license extension who has been engaged in the active practice of midwifery prescriptive or medical devices and implant practice in another United States jurisdiction or territory, or other location approved by the department, and wishes to return to active practice shall:

(a) Submit verification of active practice of prescriptive, devices, or implant practices; and

(b) Meet the requirements of WAC 246-12-110.

(6) A licensed midwife with an inactive license extension for less than five years at the time of reactivation, and has not been actively practicing in midwifery prescriptive, medical devices, and implants practice, the individual may submit their records for their initial training as required in WAC 246-834-165 and meet the requirements in WAC 246-12-040.

(7) A licensed midwife with an inactive license extension for five years or more at the time of reactivation, and who has not been

actively engaged in midwifery prescriptive or medical devices and implant practice, shall retake the required training in WAC 246-834-165.

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