

WAC 246-841A-595 Application requirements for a medication assistant endorsement. (1) Initial applicant requirements: Applicants for an initial medication assistant endorsement must meet the following requirements:

- (a) Be credentialed as a nursing assistant-certified in good standing, under chapter 18.88A RCW;
- (b) Successfully complete a commission-approved medication assistant education and training program, as described in WAC 246-841A-590 within the year immediately prior to the date of application;
- (c) Complete at least 1,000 hours of work experience in a nursing home as a nursing assistant-certified within the year immediately prior to the date of application; and
- (d) After completing the requirements in (a) through (c) of this subsection, the applicant must pass the commission-approved medication assistant competency evaluation.

(2) Application requirements for adding the medication assistant certification endorsement to a nursing assistant-certified credential:

- (a) To add an initial medication assistant certification endorsement to a nursing assistant-certified credential, the nursing assistant-certified must submit to the department:
 - (i) An application on forms approved by the secretary of the department of health.
 - (ii) The applicable fees under WAC 246-841A-990.
 - (iii) Proof of completion of:
 - (A) A commission-approved medication assistant training program under WAC 246-841A-590; and
 - (B) Competency evaluation described under subsection (1) of this section; and
 - (iv) Employer documentation of work experience as required in subsection (1)(c) of this section.
- (b) An applicant who is currently credentialed as a medication assistant in another state or jurisdiction may qualify for a medication assistant endorsement credential under this chapter. An applicant must submit to the department:
 - (i) An application on forms approved by the secretary of the department of health;
 - (ii) Written verification directly from the state or jurisdiction in which the applicant is credentialed, attesting that the applicant holds a credential in good standing substantially equivalent to the medication assistant endorsement credential in Washington;
 - (iii) Verification of completion of the required education substantially equivalent to the education requirements as described in WAC 246-841A-590(3);
 - (iv) Employer documentation of work experience as required in subsection (1)(c) of this section; and
 - (v) The applicable fees under WAC 246-841A-990.

(3) Renewal requirements: To renew a medication assistant certification endorsement credential, the medication assistant must have a current nursing assistant-certified credential in good standing and meet the requirements of WAC 246-12-030.

(4) Continuing competency requirements: A medication assistant shall meet the following requirements on an annual basis to coincide with renewal of their nursing assistant-certified credentials:

- (a) Employer documentation of successful completion of 250 hours of employment as a medication assistant in a nursing home setting under the direct supervision of a registered nurse;

(b) Documentation of eight hours of continuing education specific to medications, medication administration, and performance of selected patient treatments. Continuing education hours must be obtained through a commission-approved medication education and training program as described in WAC 246-841A-590, continuing education programs approved by a professional association, or staff development programs offered in a nursing home. The education hours must directly relate to the medication assistant's role of medication administration and the performance of selected treatments.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.79.110, 18.79.260, 18.88A.030, 18.88A.060, 18.88A.090, 18.88A.082, 18.88A.087, 43.70.040, 43.70.250, and 43.70.280. WSR 23-20-117, § 246-841A-595, filed 10/3/23, effective 11/3/23.]