

**WAC 246-976-142 To obtain reciprocal (out-of-state) EMS certification, based on a current out-of-state or national EMS certification approved by the department.** To apply for certification, an applicant must:

(1) Submit a completed application on forms provided by the department;

(2) Be at least 18 years of age and provide their date of birth on the initial certification application. Variances to this age requirement will not be granted;

(3) Successfully complete a background check provided by the department. The background check may include the requirement for fingerprint card and FBI background check. If an applicant has submitted fingerprints and has been informed by the department that their fingerprints were rejected and must be redone, the applicant may request a temporary practice permit in accordance with WAC 246-12-050;

(4) Provide proof of a high school diploma or GED for EMT, AEMT, and paramedic level certifications;

(5) Provide proof of competency, a current and valid certification from another state or national organization recognized by the department;

(6) Provide proof of active membership paid or volunteer with a licensed aid or ambulance service, or an EMS service supervisory organization (ESSO) recognized by the department. Senior EMS instructors or training coordinators teaching at department-approved EMS training programs who are unable to be with approved agencies above may affiliate with department-approved training programs with the approval from the county medical program director; and

(7) Be recommended by the county medical program director. The county medical program director must sign the application.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.71.205, 18.73.081, 43.70.040, 70.168.050, 2017 c 70, 2017 c 295, 2020 c 76, 2021 c 276, 2019 c 314, 2021 c 69, and 2022 c 136. WSR 24-15-104, § 246-976-142, filed 7/22/24, effective 9/30/24. Statutory Authority: Chapters 18.71, 18.73, and 70.168 RCW. WSR 11-07-078, § 246-976-142, filed 3/22/11, effective 5/15/11.]