

WAC 246-980-100 Examination and reexamination for home care aide certification. (1) The certification examination will consist of both a written knowledge test and a skills demonstration.

(2) The certification examination will test the core competencies including, but not limited to:

- (a) Communication skills;
- (b) Worker self-care;
- (c) Problem solving;
- (d) Maintaining dignity;
- (e) Consumer directed care;
- (f) Cultural sensitivity;
- (g) Body mechanics;
- (h) Fall prevention;
- (i) Skin and body care;
- (j) Home care aide roles and boundaries;
- (k) Supporting activities of daily living; and
- (l) Food preparation and handling.

(3) The department will notify the examination contractor once an applicant meets requirements to take the certification examination.

(4) The applicant shall contact the examination contractor to schedule the examination and submit payment, if required. The examination fees are set by the vendor.

(5) The examination contractor will notify both the department and an applicant of the examination results.

(6) An applicant who does not successfully pass any portion of the examination may follow the examination contractor's procedures for review and appeal.

(7) An applicant who does not successfully pass any portion of the examination may retake that portion of the examination three times.

(a) To retake the examination, an applicant shall contact the examination contractor to:

- (i) Schedule a new exam; and
- (ii) Pay the reexamination fee.

(b) An applicant may schedule a reexamination any time after notice of not successfully completing any portion of the certification examination.

(c) An applicant who does not successfully pass both portions of the certification examination after four consecutive times:

(i) Shall retake and successfully complete the core competencies portion of the entry-level training as required by RCW 74.39A.074 before retaking both portions of the certification examination; and

(ii) Cannot continue to provide care as a long-term care worker until the certification has been issued.

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