

WAC 388-03-112 When am I considered certified or authorized?

(1) For department employees, candidates for bilingual positions, and LAPL, you are considered certified or authorized once you have passed the required bilingual skills examination for your position cluster. Information regarding position clusters and their respective required examination can be found on the DSHS HRD website.

(2) For medical and social service interpreters in certified languages, you are considered certified once you have taken the required two-hour minimum DSHS interpreter/translator orientation training in the medical field for medical interpreters and/or in the social service field for social service interpreters and the required two-hour minimum interpreter/translator professional ethics training, and you have passed the required written and oral examination for interpreters. If you pass the required examination before you complete the required trainings, your certificate will not be issued to you until you complete the required trainings.

(3) For medical and social service interpreters in screened languages, you are considered authorized once you have taken the required two-hour minimum DSHS interpreter/translator orientation training in the medical field for medical interpreters and/or in the social service field for social service interpreters and the required two-hour minimum interpreter/translator professional ethics training, and you have passed the required written and oral examination. Instead of a certificate, an authorization letter will be issued to you. If you pass the required examination before you complete the required trainings, your authorization letter will not be issued to you until you complete the required trainings.

(4) For document translators in certified languages, you are considered certified once you have taken the required two-hour minimum DSHS interpreter/translator orientation training in the social service field and the required two-hour minimum interpreter/translator professional ethics training, and you have passed the required document translation examination for translators. If you pass the required examination before you complete the required trainings, your certificate will not be issued to you until you complete the required trainings.

(5) Your certificate/authorization letter will be mailed to you within a month from the date you complete your required trainings and pass all examination requirements, whichever is later. It is your responsibility to:

(a) Check the accuracy of the information presented on your certificate/authorization letter;

(b) Inform the LTC section of any change of your name, phone number, email address, or mailing address;

(c) Request any name change in writing with a copy of a court document attesting to the name change; and

(d) Contact the LTC section if your certificate/authorization letter is not received within the normal time frame.

(6) Your certification/authorization status may be denied/revoked if it is proven that you have committed any of the acts listed in WAC 388-03-170.

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