

RCW 18.88A.050 Powers of secretary. (Effective until July 1, 2026.) In addition to any other authority provided by law, the secretary has the authority to:

- (1) Set all nursing assistant certification, registration, medication assistant endorsement, and renewal fees in accordance with RCW 43.70.250 and to collect and deposit all such fees in the health professions account established under RCW 43.70.320;
- (2) Establish forms, procedures, and the competency evaluation necessary to administer this chapter;
- (3) Hire clerical, administrative, and investigative staff as needed to implement this chapter;
- (4) Issue a nursing assistant registration to any applicant who has met the requirements for registration;
- (5) After January 1, 1990, issue a nursing assistant certificate to any applicant who has met the training, competency evaluation, and conduct requirements for certification under this chapter;
- (6) Issue a medication assistant endorsement to any applicant who has met the requirements of RCW 18.88A.082;
- (7) Maintain the official record for the department of all applicants and persons with registrations, certificates, and medication assistant endorsements under this chapter;
- (8) Exercise disciplinary authority as authorized in chapter 18.130 RCW;
- (9) Deny registration to any applicant who fails to meet requirement for registration as a nursing assistant;
- (10) Deny certification to applicants who do not meet the training, competency evaluation, and conduct requirements for certification as a nursing assistant; and
- (11) Deny medication assistant endorsement to applicants who do not meet the requirements of RCW 18.88A.082. [2012 c 208 s 5; 2010 c 169 s 5; 1991 c 16 s 6; (1991 c 3 s 222 repealed by 1991 sp.s. c 11 s 2); 1989 c 300 s 7; 1988 c 267 s 6. Formerly RCW 18.52B.060.]

Effective date—2012 c 208 ss 2-10: See note following RCW 18.88A.020.

Findings—Rules—2012 c 208: See notes following RCW 18.88A.082.

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- (2) Employ staff that are hired and managed by the executive director provided that nothing contained in this section may be construed to alter any existing collective bargaining unit or the provisions of any existing collective bargaining agreement. [2025 c 5 s 6; 2012 c 208 s 5; 2010 c 169 s 5; 1991 c 16 s 6; (1991 c 3 s 222 repealed by 1991 sp.s. c 11 s 2); 1989 c 300 s 7; 1988 c 267 s 6. Formerly RCW 18.52B.060.]

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