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Title: Licensure by Endorsement – Substantially Equivalent Qualifications | CH-11-17-22.2

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Subject Matter: Identifies the states and territories of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, or providence of Canada with “substantially equivalent” licensing standards, allowing applicants to apply for licensure via endorsement.

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The Chiropractic Quality Assurance Commission (commission) considers all chiropractic licensing requirements from the following as “substantially equivalent” to those of chapter 18.25 RCW and 246-808 WAC:

- All states of the United States;
- District of Columbia;
- Puerto Rico;
- Guam;
- The U.S. Virgin Islands;
- Alberta;
- British Columbia;
- Manitoba;
- New Brunswick;
- Newfoundland and Labrador;
- Novia Scotia;
- Ontario;

- Prince Edward Island;
- Quebec; and
- Saskatchewan.

RCW 18.25.040 and WAC 246-808-135 allow the commission to issue a chiropractic license via endorsement to applicants from any other state, territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, or province of Canada, if their qualifications are deemed “substantially equivalent” to those of chapter 18.25 RCW and 246-808 WAC and the applicant meets other applicable credentialing requirements.

After conducting a thorough review, the commission has determined that the licensing requirements of the above listed other states and territories of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, or province of Canada are “substantially equivalent” to those of chapter 18.25 RCW and 246-808 WAC.

Applicants of other territories of the United States may still apply for a license to practice as a chiropractor via endorsement and the commission will determine if their qualifications are “substantially equivalent” to those of chapter 18.25 RCW and 246-808 WAC on a case-by-case basis.

An applicant from a jurisdiction whose qualifications are deemed “substantially equivalent” to those of chapter 18.25 RCW and 246-808 WAC is not guaranteed to be issued a license to practice as a chiropractor, as the commission has authority to deny an application if the applicant does not meet conditions for licensure.

The commission will review this policy statement every two years or as needed.