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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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**NOTICE OF ADOPTION
POLICY STATEMENT**

Title of Policy Statement: Waiver of Jurisprudence Examination for Certain Chiropractic License Applicants or Inactive License Holders | CH-24-03-14

Issuing Entity: Washington State Chiropractic Quality Assurance Commission

Subject Matter: Individual's holding a chiropractic license in "inactive" status, and endorsement or expired credential reissuance applicants are not required to take and pass the jurisprudence examination if the applicant holds an active credential recognized as having substantially equivalent standards.

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<i>References:</i>	RCW 18.25.040 , RCW 18.25.075 , RCW 18.130.077 , WAC 246-808-135 , WAC 246-808-180 , and WAC 246-808-181	
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The Chiropractic Quality Assurance (Commission) will not require applicants filing either an endorsement application or an expired credential reissuance application, to take and successfully pass the Commission’s jurisprudence (JP) examination if the applicant holds an active credential in another state, territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, or province of Canada that the Commission has recognized as having substantially equivalent standards to those of chapter 18.25 RCW.¹

The Commission will also not require persons who hold a Washington chiropractic license in “inactive” status seeking to return to “active” status to take and successfully pass the Commission’s JP examination, if the person holds an active credential in another state, territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, or province of Canada that the Commission has recognized as having substantially equivalent standards to those of chapter 18.25 RCW.²

BACKGROUND

WAC 246-808-135(3)(f) requires applicants submitting an endorsement application to take and successfully pass the Commission’s JP examination.

WAC 246-808-180(3) requires applicants submitting an expired credential reissuance application who hold an active license to practice chiropractic under the laws of any other state, territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, or province of Canada, to take and successfully pass the Commission’s JP examination if their credentials have been expired for more than one year.

WAC 246-808-181(2)(a) requires a person who holds a Washington chiropractic license in “inactive” status to take

¹ The Commission has identified those jurisdictions with substantially equivalent standards to those of chapter 18.25 RCW in a separate Policy Statement titled: “Licensure by Endorsement – Substantially Equivalent Qualifications”, CH-11-17-22. A copy of this document can be found at: <https://doh.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2022-12/LicensureEndorseSubEquivQuals-Chiro.pdf> (last accessed February 29, 2024).

² *Id.*

and successfully pass the Commission’s JP examination if they would like to return to “active” status.

During the 2023 legislative session, the Legislature passed Second Substitute House Bill (2SHB) 1724: Increasing the trained behavioral health workforce ([Chapter 425, Laws of 2023](#)). Section 8 of 2SHB 1724 created a new section of law in the Uniform Disciplinary Act, chapter 18.130 RCW. This section, now codified at RCW 18.130.077, requires disciplining authorities, including the Commission, to waive “education, training, experience and exam requirements for applicants who have been credentialed in another state or states with substantially equivalent standards for at least two years immediately preceding their application with no interruption in licensure last longer than 90 days.” This section of 2SHB 1724 became effective on July 23, 2023.

As part of identifying an implementation plan for RCW 18.130.077, the Commission reviewed the licensing and credentialing requirements for all applicants or “inactive” license holders who also hold licenses issued by other jurisdictions. During this review, the Commission concluded it would be appropriate to not continue the requirement to take and successfully pass the Commission’s JP examination for: (i) applicants filing an endorsement application, (ii) applicants filing an expired credential reissuance application, and (iii) persons who hold a Washington chiropractic license in “inactive” status seeking to return to “active” status, if the applicant or “inactive” license holder held an active credential in another state, territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, or province of Canada that the Commission has recognized as having substantially equivalent standards to those of chapter 18.25 RCW.³

The Commission will amend relevant rules to reflect this decision based on previously authorized rulemaking that aimed to:

- 1) Achieve consistency between the rules and statute, and
- 2) Streamline the credentialing processes.

Because the rulemaking is not yet complete, the Commission is adopting this Policy Statement to reflect its decision and comply with relevant statutory provisions, particularly RCW 18.130.077.

This Policy Statement will remain in effect until withdrawn by the Commission.

³ *Id.*