



# Registered Agency Affiliated Counselor Application Packet

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## Important Social Security Number Information:

If you have a Social Security Number, the law requires you to disclose it on your application for a professional or occupational license. [42 U.S.C. § 666\(a\)\(13\)](#); [RCW 26.23.150](#). It will be used under the state’s child support enforcement program to locate individuals for purposes of establishing paternity and establishing, modifying, and enforcing support obligations. You are not required to have or obtain a Social Security Number to apply for or obtain a license from the Department of Health. If you do not have a Social Security Number, you are still eligible to apply for and obtain a credential if you meet the requirements. Please see the [Declaration of No Social Security Number Form](#). Please call the Customer Service Center at 360-236-4700 if you have questions.

## In order to process your request:

**Mail your application with initial documentation and your check or money order payable to:**

Department of Health  
P.O. Box 1099  
Olympia, WA 98507-1099

**Send other documents not sent with initial application to:**

Agency Affiliated Counselor  
Credentialing  
P.O. Box 47877  
Olympia, WA 98504-7877

**Contact us:**

360-236-4700

To request this document in another format, call 1-800-525-0127. Deaf or hard of hearing customers, please call 711 (Washington Relay) or email [civil.rights@doh.wa.gov](mailto:civil.rights@doh.wa.gov).

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## Application Instructions Checklist

**Important background check Information:** Washington State law authorizes the Department of Health to obtain fingerprint-based background checks for licensing purposes. This check may be through the Washington State Patrol and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). This may be required if you have lived in another state or if you have a criminal record in Washington State. This would be at your own expense.

All information should be printed clearly in blue or black ink. It is your responsibility to submit the forms required.

- Are you currently employed or been offered employment by an agency identified in [WAC 246-810-016](#)?**

If no, your application will be processed, however, a credential cannot be issued until you submit an [employment verification form](#).

- Check One: State Agency, agency on recognized list, or other/unknown.**

In order to qualify to be an agency affiliated counselor, the facility where you work must be operated, licensed, or certified by the state of Washington, a federally recognized Indian tribe located within Washington State, or a county.

[WAC 246-810-017](#) describes the process to be a recognized agency or facility. A list of recognized agencies and facilities can be found [here](#).

- If you are currently employed, enter the start date you will begin working as an Agency Affiliated Counselor.**

If you apply for initial registration to the Department of Health within thirty days of employment by an agency, you may work as an agency affiliated counselor while your application is being processed. See [RCW 18.19.210](#)

You may not provide unsupervised counseling prior to completion of a criminal background check performed by either your employer or the Department of Health.

- Select if the following applies:**

Spouse or Registered Domestic Partner of Military Personnel

- Application Fee. This fee is non-refundable.** You can check the online [fee page](#) for current fees.

- 1. Demographic Information:**

**Social Security Number:** You must list your social security number on your application. You are not required to have or obtain a Social Security Number to apply for or obtain a license from the Department of Health. Please see the [Declaration of No Social Security Number Form](#). Please call the Customer Service Center at 360-236-4700 if you do not have one.

**National Provider Identifier Number (NPI):** The National Provider Identifier (NPI) is a standard unique identifier for health care professionals available from the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The NPI is a 10 digit numeric identifier. If you have a NPI number, provide this on your application.

**Legal Name:** List your full name: first, middle, and last.

**Definition of legal name:** “Legal name” is the name appearing on your official certificate of birth or, if your name has changed since birth, on an official marriage certificate or an order by a court. The court must have the legal authority to change your name. We may ask you to prove your legal name. If you use any name other than your legal name on this form, your application may be denied.

**Birth date:** Provide the month, day, and year of your birth.

**Address:** List the address we should use to send any information about your registration. Be sure to include the city, state, zip code, county, and country. This will be your permanent address with the Department of Health until we have been notified of a change. See [WAC 246-12-310](#).

**Phone, Fax and Cell Numbers:** Enter your phone, fax and cell numbers, if you have them.

**Email:** Enter your email address, if you have one.

**Agency or Facility Name:** List the agency or facility name.

**Agency or Facility Physical Address (street):** List the agency or facility physical address (street).

**Other Name(s):** Indicate whether you are known or have been known under any other names. If you have a name change, you must notify the Department of Health in writing. You must include proof of this change. See [WAC 246-12-300](#).

**2. Personal Data Questions:**

All applicants must answer the same personal data questions. They are focused on your fitness to practice the essential skills of this profession.

If you answer “yes” to any questions in this section, you must provide an appropriate explanation. You must also provide the documentation listed in the note after the questions. If you do not provide this, your application is incomplete and it will not be considered.

- Question 5 includes misdemeanors, gross misdemeanors and felonies. You do not have to answer yes if you have been cited for traffic infractions. You can get copies of court records through the county courthouse where the conviction, plea, deferred sentence, or suspended sentence was entered.
- If you have been granted certificate(s) of restoration of opportunity, please provide a certified copy of each certificate.
- Another jurisdiction means any other country, state, federal territory, or military authority.

**3. Counseling Services:**

Provide what type of counseling services you will be engaging in and if you intend to practice as a peer counselor in an agency.

[RCW 18.19.020\(6\)](#)— Counseling means employing any therapeutic techniques, including but not limited to social work, mental health counseling, marriage and family therapy, and hypnotherapy, for a fee that offer, assist or attempt to assist an individual or individuals in the amelioration or adjustment of mental, emotional, or behavioral problems, and includes therapeutic techniques to achieve sensitivity and awareness of self and others and the development of human potential. For the purposes of this chapter, nothing may be construed to imply that the practice of hypnotherapy is necessarily limited to counseling.

**4. Other License, Certification, or Registration:**

List all states, including Washington, where credentials are or were held. Specifically list credentials granted by examination, endorsement, or grandparented.

An Out-of-State Verification form is enclosed and must be sent to each state you listed. Enter your full name and birth date at the top of the form so the state can identify you. Also contact each state board listed for any fees they may charge for processing the verification.

**5. Applicant's Attestation:**

You must sign and date this for us to process the application.

We appreciate your interest in obtaining a credential. You will be notified if further documentation is required. If your application is incomplete, you will be mailed or emailed a letter regarding the deficiencies.

- The application is considered incomplete if requested information is left blank. Put N/A or place a line through a section instead of leaving it blank.
- The initial credential will expire on your birthday unless the credential is issued within 90 days of your next birthday. See [WAC 246-12-020\(3\)](#).
- You must keep your address up to date in order to receive a courtesy renewal notice. Any renewal postmarked or presented to the department after midnight on the expiration date is late.

**For Spouses and Registered Domestic Partners of Military Personnel Being Transferred or Stationed in Washington:**

Under state law, if you are the spouse or state-registered domestic partner of a servicemember of any branch of the U.S. Military, to include Guard or Reserve, and are applying for a health care professional credential in this state, you may be eligible to have the processing of your application expedited to receive your credential more quickly.

Documents to submit with your application should include the following:

- A copy of your spouse's or registered domestic partner's military transfer orders to Washington State.
- One of the following:
  - A copy of your marriage certificate to show proof of marriage; or
  - A copy of a state's declaration or registration showing you are in a state registered domestic partnership with a member of the U.S. military.

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Date  
Stamp  
Here

Revenue: 0207070000

## Registered Agency Affiliated Counselor Application

Are you currently employed or been offered employment by an agency identified in [WAC 246-810-016](#)?

**Check One:**     Yes     No

**Check One:**     State Agency     Agency on recognized list     Other/unknown

If yes, start date you will begin working as an Agency Affiliated Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

**Select if the following applies:**     Spouse or Registered Domestic Partner of Military Personnel

### 1. Demographic Information

**Social Security Number (SSN)**  
 (If you do not have a SSN, see instructions)

**National Provider Identifier Number (NPI)**  
 (Enter 10 digit number)

Male     Female  
 Prefer not to answer  
 X

|      |       |        |      |
|------|-------|--------|------|
| Name | First | Middle | Last |
|------|-------|--------|------|

Birth date (mm/dd/yyyy)

|         |      |
|---------|------|
| Address | City |
|---------|------|

|       |          |        |
|-------|----------|--------|
| State | Zip Code | County |
|-------|----------|--------|

|                          |                        |                         |
|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Phone (enter 10 digit #) | Fax (enter 10 digit #) | Cell (enter 10 digit #) |
|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|

Email Address

Mailing address if different from above address of record

|      |       |          |        |
|------|-------|----------|--------|
| City | State | Zip Code | County |
|------|-------|----------|--------|

Country

**Note: The mailing and email addresses you provide will be your addresses of record. It is your responsibility to maintain current contact information on file with the department.**

Have you ever been known under any other name(s)?  
 If yes, list name(s):

Will documents be received in another name?  
 If yes, list name(s):

## 2. Personal Data Questions

Yes No

1. Do you have a medical condition which in any way impairs or limits your ability to practice your profession with reasonable skill and safety? If yes, please attach explanation.....

**“Medical Condition”** includes physiological, mental or psychological conditions or disorders, such as, but not limited to orthopedic, visual, speech, and hearing impairments, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, cancer, heart disease, diabetes, intellectual disabilities, emotional or mental illness, specific learning disabilities, HIV disease, tuberculosis, drug addiction, and alcoholism.

If you answered yes to question 1, explain:

- 1a. How your treatment has reduced or eliminated the limitations caused by your medical condition.  
1b. How your field of practice, the setting or manner of practice has reduced or eliminated the limitations caused by your medical condition.

**Note: If you answered “yes” to question 1, the licensing authority will assess the nature, severity, and the duration of the risks associated with the ongoing medical condition and the ongoing treatment to determine whether your license should be restricted, conditions imposed, or no license issued.**

**The licensing authority may require you to undergo one or more mental, physical or psychological examination(s). This would be at your own expense. By submitting this application, you give consent to such an examination(s). You also agree the examination report(s) may be provided to the licensing authority. You waive all claims based on confidentiality or privileged communication. If you do not submit to a required examination(s) or provide the report(s) to the licensing authority, your application may be denied.**

2. Do you currently use chemical substance(s) in any way which impair or limit your ability to practice your profession with reasonable skill and safety? If yes, please explain.....

**“Currently”** means within the past two years.

**“Chemical substances”** include alcohol, drugs, or medications, whether taken legally or illegally.

3. Have you ever been diagnosed with, or treated for, pedophilia, exhibitionism, voyeurism or frotteurism?.....

4. Are you currently engaged in the illegal use of controlled substances?.....

**“Currently”** means within the past two years.

**Illegal use of controlled substances** is the use of controlled substances (e.g., heroin, cocaine) not obtained legally or taken according to the directions of a licensed health care practitioner.

**Note: If you answer “yes” to any of the remaining questions, provide an explanation and certified copies of all judgments, decisions, orders, agreements and surrenders. The department does criminal background checks on all applicants.**

5. Have you **ever** been convicted, entered a plea of guilty, no contest, or a similar plea, or had prosecution or a sentence deferred or suspended as an adult or juvenile in any state or jurisdiction? ...

**Note: If you answered “yes” to question 5, you must send certified copies of all court documents related to your criminal history with your application. If you do not provide the documents, your application is incomplete and will not be considered.**

**If you have been granted certificate(s) of restoration of opportunity, please provide a certified copy of each certificate.**

**To protect the public, the department considers criminal history. A criminal history may not automatically bar you from obtaining a credential. However, failure to report criminal history may result in extra cost to you and the application may be delayed or denied.**



## 2. Personal Data Questions (cont.)

Yes No

6. Have you ever been found in any civil, administrative or criminal proceeding to have:
- a. Possessed, used, prescribed for use, or distributed controlled substances or legend drugs in any way other than for legitimate or therapeutic purposes? .....
  - b. Diverted controlled substances or legend drugs? .....
  - c. Violated any drug law? .....
  - d. Prescribed controlled substances for yourself? .....
7. Have you ever been found in any proceeding to have violated any state or federal law or rule regulating the practice of a health care profession? If "yes", please attach an explanation and provide copies of all judgments, decisions, and agreements? .....
8. Have you ever had any license, certificate, registration or other privilege to practice a health care profession denied, revoked, suspended, or restricted by a state, federal, or foreign authority? .....
9. Have you ever surrendered a credential like those listed in number 8, in connection with or to avoid action by a state, federal, or foreign authority? .....
10. Have you ever been named in any civil suit or suffered any civil judgment for incompetence, negligence, or malpractice in connection with the practice of a health care profession? .....
11. Have you ever been disqualified from working with vulnerable persons by the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)? .....

### 3. Counseling Services

Will you be practicing as a peer counselor at an agency?

Yes  No

Give a brief description of your therapeutic orientation, discipline, theory, or technique.

### 4. Other License, Certification, or Registration

List all states where licenses, certifications, or registrations are or were held.

| State/<br>Jurisdiction | Credential Type | Credential  |        | Method Licensed |          |               |
|------------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------|-----------------|----------|---------------|
|                        |                 | Year Issued | Number | Exam            | Endorse. | Grandparented |
|                        |                 |             |        |                 |          |               |
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## 5. Applicant's Attestation

I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of  
(Name of Applicant)

Washington that the following is true and correct:

- I am the person described and identified in this application.
- I have read [RCW 18.130.170](#) and [RCW 18.130.180](#) of the Uniform Disciplinary Act.
- I have answered all questions truthfully and completely.
- The documentation provided in support of my application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- I have read all laws and rules related to my profession.

I understand the Department of Health may require more information before deciding on my application. The department may independently check conviction records with state or federal databases.

I authorize the release of any files or records the department requires to process this application. This includes information from all hospitals, educational or other organizations, my references, and past and present employers and business and professional associates. It also includes information from federal, state, local, or foreign government agencies.

I understand I must inform the department of any past, current or future criminal charges or convictions. I will also inform the department of any physical or mental conditions that jeopardize my ability to provide quality health care. If requested, I will authorize my health providers to release to the department information on my health, including mental health and any substance abuse treatment.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(mm/dd/yyyy) (Original Signature of Applicant)

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## Out-of-State Credential Verification

**To Applicant:**

Please complete this side of form and send it to the state(s) and/or jurisdiction(s) where you are or have been licensed, certified, or registered as a healthcare provider. Instruct them to return the form directly to the address listed above. Make a copy of this form if you need to send it to more than one state or jurisdiction. Agencies normally charge a fee for verification. Please check in advance to help expedite this process.

|  |      |             |          |
|--|------|-------------|----------|
| Name   | Last | First       | Middle   |
| Mailing Address  |      |             |          |
| City   |      | State       | Zip Code |
| Any other names used                                       |      |             |          |
| Type of healthcare license, certification, or registration |      |             |          |
| License, Certification, or Registration Number             |      | Date Issued |          |

Have the licensing agency return this completed form to the address listed above.  
 If you have any questions, please call 360-236-4700.

**(To be Completed by the Regulatory Agency)**

Please complete this form regarding the applicant listed on the reverse. Submit the completed form and any other requested material directly to this office at the address on the reverse. We will not accept the form if submitted by the applicant. Thank you.

|  |  |        |
|--|--|--------|
| Name of license, certification, or registration holder:  |  |        |
| Authority providing verification: (state, name & title)  |  |        |
| Applicant was credentialed by:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Written Examination   | Date:  | Score: |
| Name of examination:   |  |        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Examination   | Date:  | Score: |
| Name of examination:   |  |        |
| Is credential current: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  | Expiration Date:   |        |
| Is this individual considered to be in good standing in your state? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No<br>If "no," please attach explanation.                            |  |        |
| Has this credential ever been denied?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |        |
| Suspended?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |        |
| Revoked?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |        |
| Surrendered?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |        |
| Reinstated?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |        |
| If "yes," please provide a copy of the final order or other documentation of action taken.   |  |        |
| If this credential holder has been disciplined, has he/she successfully completed all requirements and is currently in good standing? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |  |        |

(SEAL)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Registered Agency Affiliated Counselor Employment/Student Verification Form

“Agency affiliated counselor” means a person registered, certified, or licensed under this chapter who is employed by an agency or is a student intern, as defined by the department.

“Registered Agency Affiliated counselor” includes juvenile probation counselors who are employees of the juvenile court under [RCW 13.04.035](#) and [13.04.040](#) and juvenile court employees providing functional family therapy, aggression replacement training, or other evidence-based programs approved by the department of children, youth, and families. A student intern as defined by the department may be a registered agency affiliated counselor.

### Type of Agency Affiliated Counselor:

Mark All That Apply:  Employee  Juvenile Probation Counselor  Student Intern

Check One:  New Agency  Update / Change Agency  Additional Agency

Applicants may not provide unsupervised counseling prior to completion of a criminal background check performed by either the employer or the Department of Health.

Agency affiliated counselors shall notify the department if they are either no longer employed by the agency identified on their application or are now employed with another agency, or both. See [RCW 18.19.210](#).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Agency Affiliated Applicant Name and Credential Number (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Hire (MM/DD/YYYY)

I verify that the above applicant is currently employed or will begin employment with the agency listed below as required by [WAC 246-810-015](#).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Agency or Facility Employer Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Agency or Facility Physical Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

My Agency is a county, state agency, federally recognized Indian tribe located within Washington State or has been recognized by the Secretary of Health to be able to employ agency affiliated counselors.

See [WAC 246-810-016](#) and [WAC 246-810-015](#). Please see the [approved agency affiliated list](#).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of employer or designated/authorized employee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date MM/DD/YYYY

**Send this completed form to the address above.**

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## Attestation of Recovery for Peer Counselors

**Note: This form is required *only* for Registered Agency Affiliated Counselors who will practice as peer counselors.**

Effective July 28, 2019, 2SHB 1907 requires agency affiliated counselor applicants who will practice as peer counselors to complete the attestation of recovery form. The licensing authority uses the attestation to determine whether more information is required to process your application. Additional information may include requiring your participation in a mental, physical, or psychological evaluation.

Recovery as defined in [RCW 18.205.020\(9\)](#), means a process of change through which individuals improve their health and wellness, live self-directed lives, and strive to reach their full potential. Recovery often involves achieving remission from active substance use disorder.

I have been in recovery since \_\_\_\_\_;  
(mm/dd/yyyy)

I do not have a substance use disorder.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
(date) (month) (year) (city or other location, and state or country)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

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## **RCW/WAC and Online Website Links**

### **RCW/WAC Links**

[Uniform Disciplinary Act, RCW 18.130](#)

[Administrative Procedure Act, RCW 34.05](#)

[Administrative Procedures and Requirements, WAC 246-12](#)

[Agency Affiliated Counselor Laws, RCW 18.19](#)

[Agency Affiliated Counselor Rules, WAC 246-810](#)

### **Online**

[Agency Affiliated Counselor Program, Web Page](#)

Get important information about your credential type by subscribing to [email alerts](#).