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**Applicants currently certified in other states or territories.**

An initial applicant currently certified to practice as a birth doula in another state, the District of Columbia, or a territory of the United States may be licensed by endorsement. An applicant shall comply with the requirements for licensure as specified in chapters [**18.47**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=18.47) RCW and [**246-835**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=246-835) WAC and submit proof of:

(1) Current certification from another United States jurisdiction; and

(2) For applicants who have been certified in another jurisdiction that is substantially equivalent for at least two years, completion of an attestation that they have successfully completed a training or have experience on culturally congruent care or culturally congruent ancestral practices. **POTENTIAL NEW LANGUAGE**

[Statutory Authority: Chapter [**18.47**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=18.47) RCW and 2022 c 217. WSR 23-18-048, § 246-835-040, filed 8/30/23, effective 10/1/23.]

1. Are there states that are substantially equivalent to Washington or not?
   1. If there are, do we want to make credentialling easier and faster for them in the spirit of 1724?
2. Per 1724, disciplining authorities shall waive education, training, experience, and exam requirements for applicants who have been credentialled in another state or states with substantially equivalent standards for at least 2 years before they apply to WA with no interruption in credentialing for longer than 90 days. The individual also can’t have any disciplinary issues, etc.