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Frequently Asked Questions – Tribal Behavioral Health Attestation

What is a Behavioral Health Facility license through tribal attestation?

Tribal Behavioral Health Agencies (BHAs) applying for licensure and certification may attest that their agency [meets the state minimum standards](#). The department doesn't assert regulatory jurisdiction over a BHA license issued under a tribal attestation. Once the department accepts the tribal attestation, a behavioral health agency license will be issued to the undersigned tribe and include the tribe on the [current list of licensed behavioral health agencies \(PDF\)](#).

What is the process for obtaining a behavioral health agency license from DOH through a tribal attestation?

1. Download and complete the [Tribal Attestation Behavioral Health Agency License Application Packet](#).
2. Download and complete the [Washington State Department of Health Tribal Attestation for Behavioral Health Agencies: For Substance Use Disorder Services, Mental Health Services, And Licensure](#).
3. Mail completed materials (tribal BHA license application packet and tribal attestation form) and administrative processing fee of \$261 to:

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

4. When DOH receives your application materials, the Tribal Relations Director forwards the attestation to the Secretary of Health for review and signature. The Tribal Relations Director notifies the licensing team when the attestation is signed. That team then issues the license back to the tribal applicant.



Does DOH conduct on-site interviews of BHA facilities licensed through tribal attestation?

No. DOH does not conduct on-site interviews of BHA facilities licensed through tribal attestation.

When can the facility expect to receive its license?

The DOH credentialing team mails the license within 30-45 days from when the application is received.

How can services be added, or updates made, to an existing attestation?

Services can be added to an attestation by submitting an updated attestation form to include the current and added services. It's also helpful to include a brief cover letter that describes the changes. No fee is required when adding services under tribal attestation.

Does the tribe need a separate attestation for each behavioral health agency location?

The tribe can choose to either submit a single attestation form or an attestation form for each behavioral health agency location. A separate tribal application is needed for each location to input the agency data into the licensing database and print the license for each location.

Who can I call if I have questions about obtaining a behavioral health agency license from DOH through a tribal attestation?

If you have questions about this process, call the DOH Tribal Relations Director, Tamara Fife, at 360-870-8903.

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