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NURSING ASSISTANT WAIVER UPDATE

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the federal government waived certain requirements for nursing homes. The waivers allow registered nursing assistants to continue working in nursing homes beyond 120 days without completing the NA-C training and testing requirements.

This waiver is ending soon. All registered nursing assistants working in nursing homes as of June 7, 2022 will have 120-days to complete the training and pass the NA-C certification exam. (See [QSO-22-15-NH](#) for the emergency waiver and [42 CFR 483.35\(d\)](#) for the law.)

What this means for you: If you are working as a registered nursing assistant in a nursing home and have not completed the training and testing requirements to become a NA-C, you must do so **before October 7, 2022**.

- **Training:** If you have not completed the NA-C training, you can find a training program [here](#). You must complete training to receive approval to take the test.
- **Testing:** If you have completed training but have not taken the state test, visit the website of the testing company (Credentia) for information you need ([here](#)).

You must pass the written (or oral) test and a skills test. The fastest way to complete testing is to register for a test date as soon as possible and take the earliest available test date(s). You can usually register to take the written (or oral) test online from home right away—while you await your skills test date.

Once you pass both parts of the exam, the Department of Health (DOH) will pair your test results with your NA-C application for processing.

Thank you for your continued commitment to nursing home residents' health and safety. For questions, please contact the Department of Health Office of Customer Service call center at 360-236-4700 or by email at hsqa.csc@doh.wa.gov.