

Department of Health
Chiropractic Quality Assurance Commission
Policy Statement

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| Title: | Licensure by Endorsement – Substantially Equivalent Qualifications. | Number: CH-11-17-22 |
| References: | RCW 18.25.040 and WAC 246-808-135 | |
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RCW 18.25.040 and WAC 246-808-135 allow the Chiropractic Quality Assurance Commission (Commission) to issue a chiropractic license via endorsement to applicants from any other state, territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, or province of Canada, if their qualifications are deemed “substantially equivalent” to those of chapter 18.25 RCW and 246-808 WAC and the applicant meets other applicable credentialing requirements.

After conducting a thorough review, the Commission has determined that the licensing requirements of all states of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands are “substantially equivalent” to those of chapter 18.25 RCW and 246-808 WAC. Applicants of other territories of the United States or Canada may still apply for a license to practice as a chiropractor via endorsement and the Commission will determine if their qualifications are “substantially equivalent” to those of chapter 18.25 RCW and 246-808 WAC on a case-by-case basis.

An applicant from a jurisdiction whose qualifications are deemed “substantially equivalent” to those of chapter 18.25 RCW and 246-808 WAC is not guaranteed to be issued a license to practice as a chiropractor, as the Commission has authority to deny an application if the applicant does not meet requirements for licensure, such as failure to successfully pass the Commission’s jurisprudence examination.

The Commission will review this policy statement every two years or as needed.



Dana Clum, DC, Chair

November 17, 2022

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