

The WSBA administers the licensing and renewal process for Washington licensed legal professionals on behalf of and under rules adopted by the Washington Supreme Court. Reinstatements from suspension are granted in accordance with the provisions of the WSBA Bylaws. You should review Article III of the WSBA Bylaws as changes in the Bylaws can affect status change requirements. The WSBA Bylaws may be found on the WSBA website. Some key provisions to consider are:

- While suspended, you are not permitted to practice law in Washington. You are not required to earn or report MCLE credits, although you may attend CLE courses while suspended, and will be required to report MCLE credits to return to Active status.
- If you have been on Inactive and/or suspended status for a combined total of less than six consecutive years, you will be required to have earned MCLE credits within six years prior to the date you return to Active status (45 for lawyers, 30 for LLLTs and LPOs).
- If you have been on Inactive and/or suspended status for greater than a combined total of six consecutive years, you must earn the MCLE credits within three years prior to the date you return to Active status and, in addition, you must complete a reinstatement course sponsored by the WSBA and specifically approved for this purpose. No other credits or courses may be substituted for the WSBA sponsored reinstatement course. The reinstatement course's validity for use to satisfy status change requirements will expire one year from the date of the completion of the course. The reinstatement course credits will apply to your next reporting period.
- For purposes of determining whether you have been on Inactive and/or suspended status for more than six consecutive years, the time continues to run until the change to Active status is completed, regardless of when the application is submitted to the WSBA.
- If you have been on Inactive and/or suspended status for less than one year, and you are in a MCLE reporting period that was required to report during the time you were on Inactive and/or suspended status, you must establish compliance with the MCLE reporting requirements for that reporting period before changing to Active status.
- You must cure the reason for the suspension. For those suspended for failing to pay the annual license fee, that includes paying double the license and late fees for the year of the suspension.
- You must pay a non-refundable \$100 investigation fee and submit a Request for Application to Active form. Upon receipt, an application packet with your specific, detailed requirements for returning to Active status will be provided to you.
- The examination(s) required for admission will be required if you have been on Inactive and/or suspended status for more than ten consecutive years without any "active legal experience," as defined in APR 1, during that time.

Necessary forms and detailed information about returning to active status may be found on our web site at: [www.wsba.org](http://www.wsba.org).

All questions and inquiries about status changes may be directed to [statuschanges@wsba.org](mailto:statuschanges@wsba.org); or, call (206) 239-2131.

Any discrepancy or conflict between the information provided here and the rules and regulations set by the Washington State Supreme Court, or the bylaws and policies of the Washington State Bar Association, is unintentional and will be resolved in favor of strict compliance with the rules, regulations, bylaws and policies.

