# Initial Early Support for Infants and Toddlers Family Resources Coordinator Credential

Beginning February 1, 2024, Family Resources Coordinators (FRC) in Washington State will receive the Initial Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT) Credential once they complete their Initial Training Requirements and credential application.

The Initial ESIT Credential for FRCs replaces the previous FRC registration and signifies that all Initial Training Requirements have been met and the FRC is fully qualified to provide service coordination.

## Timelines

- FRCs hired February 1, 2024 or later are eligible to apply for the ESIT FRC Credential when all initial Training Requirements are completed, and within 6 months of hire. *FRCs can be assigned caseloads once they complete Step 1 of the Initial Training Requirements.*
- FRCs hired prior to February 1, 2024, and who have previously completed the training required at the time they were hired, can apply for the ESIT Credential. There is no need to complete additional trainings to apply. Original FRC training completion will be verified as part of the application process.

### Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for the Initial ESIT credential, FRCs must first complete <u>Initial Training</u> <u>Requirements</u>. If an FRC completed their training requirements prior to January 31, 2024, they are eligible to apply for the credential.

#### How to apply

To apply, complete and submit the short online application: <u>Credential Application</u> Within 30 days, the applicant will receive notification that required training has been verified and their official credential has been issued in their training account. The credential documentation can be printed and filed in personnel records, as needed.

#### **Renewal Requirements and Procedures**

To *maintain* the ESIT Credential, FRCs will be expected to complete 36 hours of ongoing professional development over the three-year credential period and track those trainings using the <u>FRC Training</u> <u>Documentation Form</u>. The three-year credential period will begin on the credential award date with an expiration date after three years. Each FRC will be responsible for renewing their EST credential within 30 calendar days prior to expiration date.

## Lapsed Credential

If credentials expire without renewal, the FRC will be considered un-credentialed and not qualified to provide service coordination. The FRC will be required to apply for renewal as soon as possible.



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