

**Department of Health**  
**Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission**

# Policy Statement

<b>Title:</b>	Temporary Practice Permits for Military Spouse Pharmacy Interns	<b>Number:</b> P011
<b>References:</b>	<a href="#">RCW 18.64.080(3)</a> ; <a href="#">RCW 18.340.020</a> ; <a href="#">WAC 246-945-155</a> ; <a href="#">WAC 246-945-156</a> ; <a href="#">Second Substitute House Bill 1009 (chapter 165, Laws of 2023)</a> .	
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As of February 1, 2024, the Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission (commission) will issue *temporary* pharmacy intern practice permits for 180 days to applicants who are spouses of military personnel and who meet the criteria in RCW 18.340.020(1)(a).

RCW 18.64.080(3) allows all pharmacy intern licenses to be valid for a period to be determined by the commission, but in no instance shall the certificate be valid if the individual is no longer making timely progress toward graduation. In accordance with WAC 246-945-155, individuals are required to register with the commission as a pharmacy intern before beginning pharmacy practice experiences in Washington. Additionally, WAC 246-945-156(3) states that pharmacy intern temporary practice permits will expire ninety days after the permit is issued and the applicant may obtain a one-time extension of up to ninety days with approval of the commission.

Second Substitute House Bill 1009 (chapter 165, Laws of 2023), Military Spouses – Professional Licensing and Employment, went into effect on July 23, 2023. Section 4 of the bill took effect on October 1, 2023, and requires the commission to issue temporary practice permits for a minimum of 180 days to applicants who are spouses of military personnel subject to a military transfer, and who are licensed, certified, or registered in another state to perform professional services in that state.

The pharmacy intern license is the only temporary practice permit for spouses of military personnel issued by the commission that is not currently issued for a minimum of 180 days.

Finally, the commission is in the process of filing a CR-101 to initiate rulemaking and consider amending WACs 246-945-155 and 246-945-156 to, among other things, convert this policy statement into rule.



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**NOTICE OF ADOPTION  
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**Issuing Entity:** Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission

**Subject Matter:** This policy clarifies the Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission's issuance of temporary practice permits to pharmacy interns who are spouses of military personnel.

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