



PROPOSED RULE MAKING

CR-102 (June 2024)
(Implements RCW 34.05.320)
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WSR 25-07-108

Agency: Department of Health

Original Notice

Supplemental Notice to WSR

Continuance of WSR

Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 25-04-085 ; or

Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR _____; or

Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4) or 34.05.330(1); or

Proposal is exempt under RCW _____.

Title of rule and other identifying information: (describe subject) Psychologist and psychology associate fees.

The Department of Health (department) is proposing revisions to WAC 246-924-990, Psychology fees and renewal cycle, to implement recent legislation by: (1) updating application, renewal, and other fees for a psychologist license; (2) establishing a fee schedule for a licensed psychological associate license; and (3) establishing a fee schedule for participation in the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (Psypact).

Hearing location(s):

| Date: | Time: | Location: (be specific) | Comment: |
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| April 22, 2025 | 9:00 am | Virtual Hearing Register in advance for this webinar: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_rFDIYINwRNqdvnyzHXWftw After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. | The rule hearing will be virtual only. |

Date of intended adoption: April 29, 2025 (Note: This is **NOT** the effective date)

Submit written comments to:

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Other <https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/policyreview/>
Beginning (date and time) The date and time of this filing
By (date and time) April 22, 2025 at 11:59 pm

Assistance for persons with disabilities:

Contact Nancy Delgado
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Other N/A
By (date) April 8, 2025

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:

Establishing these fees helps implement Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 2247 (chapter 371, Laws of 2024), which created the the new licensed psychological associate credential, and Substitute House Bill 1286 (chapter 5, Laws of 2022), which established Washington state's participation in Psypact, an interstate compact for psychologists. While Washington

has been participating in the compact since 2022, the department has deferred rulemaking until collecting several years of data on participation rates.

Additionally, fee schedule updates will support compliance with RCW 43.70.250 and other statutory authority.

Reasons supporting proposal:

RCW 43.70.250 requires that the costs of each professional licensing program “be fully borne by the members of that profession” through fees. The Examining Board of Psychology’s (board) fees were last adjusted by the department in 2019. Since then, program expenses have grown, so that revenue collected through fees is no longer sufficient to administer the program and maintain an appropriate reserve balance. Establishing and amending fees will support the board’s ability to protect the public by licensing and regulating psychologists and psychological associates in Washington.

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 18.83.060, 18.83A.130, 43.70.250, and 43.70.280

Statute being implemented: RCW 43.70.250

Is rule necessary because of a:

- Federal Law? Yes No
- Federal Court Decision? Yes No
- State Court Decision? Yes No

If yes, CITATION:

Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters: None

Name of proponent: (person or organization) Department of Health

Type of proponent: Private. Public. Governmental.

Name of agency personnel responsible for:

| | Name | Office Location | Phone |
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Is a school district fiscal impact statement required under [RCW 28A.305.135](#)? Yes No

If yes, insert statement here:

The public may obtain a copy of the school district fiscal impact statement by contacting:

- Name
- Address
- Phone
- Fax
- TTY
- Email
- Other

Is a cost-benefit analysis required under [RCW 34.05.328](#)?

Yes: A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:

- Name
- Address
- Phone
- Fax
- TTY
- Email
- Other

No: Please explain: This rule is exempt from analysis according to RCW 34.05.328 (5)(b)(vi) because it is a rule that sets or adjusts fees pursuant to legislative standards.

Regulatory Fairness Act and Small Business Economic Impact Statement

Note: The [Governor's Office for Regulatory Innovation and Assistance \(ORIA\)](#) provides support in completing this part.

(1) Identification of exemptions:

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, **may be exempt** from requirements of the Regulatory Fairness Act (see [chapter 19.85 RCW](#)). For additional information on exemptions, consult the [exemption guide published by ORIA](#). Please check the box for any applicable exemption(s):

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under [RCW 19.85.061](#) because this rule making is being adopted solely to conform and/or comply with federal statute or regulations. Please cite the specific federal statute or regulation this rule is being adopted to conform or comply with, and describe the consequences to the state if the rule is not adopted.

Citation and description:

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt because the agency has completed the pilot rule process defined by [RCW 34.05.313](#) before filing the notice of this proposed rule.

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under the provisions of [RCW 15.65.570\(2\)](#) because it was adopted by a referendum.

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under [RCW 19.85.025\(3\)](#). Check all that apply:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(b) (Internal government operations) | <input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(e) (Dictated by statute) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(c) (Incorporation by reference) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(f) (Set or adjust fees) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(d) (Correct or clarify language) | <input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(g) (i) Relating to agency hearings; or (ii) process requirements for applying to an agency for a license or permit) |

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under [RCW 19.85.025\(4\)](#). (Does not affect small businesses).

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under RCW _____.

Explanation of how the above exemption(s) applies to the proposed rule: The proposed rules adjust fees for licensed psychologists and set fees for psychological associates and interstate compact participation.

(2) Scope of exemptions: *Check one.*

The rule proposal: Is fully exempt. (*Skip section 3.*) Exemptions identified above apply to all portions of the rule proposal.

The rule proposal: Is partially exempt. (*Complete section 3.*) The exemptions identified above apply to portions of the rule proposal, but less than the entire rule proposal. Provide details here (consider using [this template from ORIA](#)):

The rule proposal: Is not exempt. (*Complete section 3.*) No exemptions were identified above.

(3) Small business economic impact statement: *Complete this section if any portion is not exempt.*

If any portion of the proposed rule is **not exempt**, does it impose more-than-minor costs (as defined by RCW 19.85.020(2)) on businesses?

- No Briefly summarize the agency's minor cost analysis and how the agency determined the proposed rule did not impose more-than-minor costs.
- Yes Calculations show the rule proposal likely imposes more-than-minor cost to businesses and a small business economic impact statement is required. Insert the required small business economic impact statement here:

The public may obtain a copy of the small business economic impact statement or the detailed cost calculations by contacting:

- Name
- Address
- Phone
- Fax
- TTY
- Email
- Other

Date: March 19, 2025

Name: Todd Mountin, PMP for Jessica Todorovich, MS

Title: Deputy Chief of Policy for Acting Secretary of Health

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Mountin", written in a cursive style.

WAC 246-924-990 Psychology fees and renewal cycle. (1) Except for a probationary license (~~(as described in)~~) under WAC 246-924-493, licenses must be renewed every year on the practitioner's birthday as provided in chapter 246-12 WAC(~~(, Part 2)~~).

(2) The following nonrefundable fees will be charged for a psychology license:

| Title of Fee | Fee |
|--|--|
| Original application | |
| Application | ((\$190.00)) <u>\$215.00</u> |
| UW online access fee (HEAL-WA) | 16.00 |
| Active license renewal | |
| Renewal | ((210.00)) <u>295.00</u> |
| UW online access fee (HEAL-WA) | 16.00 |
| Late renewal penalty | ((105.00)) <u>150.00</u> |
| Expired license reissuance | ((155.00)) <u>150.00</u> |
| Retired active license renewal | |
| Renewal | ((105.00)) <u>150.00</u> |
| Late renewal penalty | ((55.00)) <u>75.00</u> |
| UW online access fee (HEAL-WA) | 16.00 |
| Duplicate license | 10.00 |
| Verification of license | 25.00 |
| (Amendment of certificate of qualification) | (35.00) |

(3) (~~For a probationary license as described under WAC 246-924-493,~~) The following nonrefundable fees will be charged for participation in the psychology interjurisdictional compact (Psypact) under chapter 18.83A RCW:

| Title of Fee | Fee |
|---------------------|----------------|
| <u>Application</u> | <u>\$30.00</u> |
| <u>Renewal</u> | <u>30.00</u> |

(4) The following nonrefundable fees will be charged for a psychological associate license:

| Title of Fee | Fee |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Original application | |
| <u>Application</u> | <u>\$95.00</u> |
| <u>UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)</u> | <u>16.00</u> |
| Active license renewal | |
| <u>Renewal</u> | <u>95.00</u> |
| <u>UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)</u> | <u>16.00</u> |
| <u>Late renewal penalty</u> | <u>50.00</u> |
| <u>Expired license reissuance</u> | <u>50.00</u> |

| <u>Title of Fee</u> | <u>Fee</u> |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Duplicate license | <u>10.00</u> |
| Verification of license | <u>25.00</u> |

(5) The following nonrefundable fees will be charged for a probationary license under WAC 246-924-493:

| Title of Fee | Fee |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Original application | |
| Application | ((190.00)) |
| | <u>\$215.00</u> |
| Active license renewal | |
| Renewal | ((210.00)) |
| | <u>215.00</u> |
| Late renewal penalty | ((105.00)) |
| | <u>110.00</u> |
| Expired license reissuance | ((155.00)) |
| | <u>110.00</u> |
| Duplicate license | 10.00 |
| Verification of license | 25.00 |