



**RULE-MAKING ORDER**  
(RCW 34.05.360)

**CR-103 (10/1/89)**

Agency: BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS

- Permanent Rule
- Emergency Rule

(1) Date of adoption: June 4, 1993

(2) Purpose: To define the conditions that exist when a professional engineer or professional land surveyor shall affix their signature and seal to a document.

(3) Citation of existing rules affected by this order:

Repealed:

Amended: WAC 196-24-097 (New Section Added)

Suspended:

(4) Authority for adoption:

Statute: RCW 18.43.035

Other Authority:

**(5.1) PERMANENT RULE ONLY**

Pursuant to notice filed as WSR 93-09-022 on April 15, 1993 (date).

Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version:

Grammerical edit change in Section 3. Line 7 (Section 3): Add phrase "The documents for" between "of" and "which" Line 8 (Section 3): Delete the word "for"

**(5.2) EMERGENCY RULE ONLY**

Pursuant to RCW 34.05.350 the agency for good cause finds:

- (a) That immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the public interest.
- (b) That state or federal law or federal rule or a federal deadline for state receipt of federal funds requires immediate adoption of a rule.

Reasons for this finding:

(5.3) Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?

Yes  No If yes, explain:

(6) Effective date of rule:

**Permanent Rules**

**Emergency Rules**

31 days after filing

Immediately

Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_ \*

Later (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

\*(If less than 31 days after filing, specific finding in 5.3 under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required)

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NEW SECTION

**WAC 196-24-097 Seal/stamp usage.** All individuals registered in accordance with chapter 18.43 RCW shall obtain a seal/stamp of the design as authorized by the board. The use of said seal/stamp shall be in accordance with RCW 18.43.070, WAC 196-24-095, 196-27-020 (1)(b) and (2)(c) and shall further adhere to the following:

(1) Document stamping: Any final document of a technical nature must contain the seal/stamp of the registrant(s) who prepared or directly supervised the work. For the purposes of this section "document" is defined as plans, specifications, plats and reports.

(a) Final documents are those documents that are prepared and distributed for agency reviews and approvals, recording with public officials and/or use for public/private construction.

(b) Preliminary documents are those documents not considered final as defined herein, but are released and/or distributed by or from the registrant(s) control. Preliminary documents must be clearly identified as "PRELIMINARY" or contain such wording so it may be differentiated from a final document.

(c) Preliminary documents may or may not be stamped and signed by the registrant: *Provided*, That the identity of the registrant(s) are clearly shown on said document.

(2) Plan set stamping: Every page of a plan set must contain the seal/stamp of the registrant(s) who prepared or who had direct supervision of the preparation of the work.

(a) Plans/plats containing work prepared under the direct supervision of more than one registrant shall be sealed/stamped by each registrant and shall clearly note the extent of each registrant's responsibility.

(b) Plan/plat sheets containing and/or depicting background and/or supporting information that is duplicated from other plans sheets within the same plan set need only be sealed/stamped by the registrant(s) who prepared or were in direct supervision of that plan sheet.

(c) All design revisions to final plan/plat sheets shall be done in accordance with the provisions of RCW 18.43.070, WAC 196-24-095, 196-27-020 (1)(b) and (2)(c), and shall further be clearly identified on each sheet that is revised with the date the revision was made.

(3) Specification stamping: Specifications that are prepared by or under the direct supervision of a registrant shall contain the seal/stamp and signature of the registrant. If the specifications prepared by a registrant are a portion of a bound specification document that contains specifications other than that of an engineering or land surveying nature, the registrant need only seal/stamp that portion or portions of the documents for which the registrant is responsible. Nothing herein should be construed to require that each page of an engineering or land surveying specification be sealed/stamped by the registrant.