



RULE-MAKING ORDER
(RCW 34.05.360)

CR-103 (10/1/89)

Agency: Agriculture

Permanent Rule

Emergency Rule

(1) Date of adoption: March 10, 1992

(2) Purpose:
The proposal establishes in rule billing policies and procedures, and hourly and overtime rates for service.

(3) Citation of existing rules affected by this order:
Repealed:
Amended: WAC 16-470-900 through 16-470-920
Suspended:

(4) Authority for adoption:
Statute: Chapter 17.24 RCW
Other Authority:

(5.1) **PERMANENT RULE ONLY**
Pursuant to notice filed as WSR 92-03-104 on January 17, 1992 (date).
Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version:

(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 16-470-900 SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES--BILLING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. (1) All billable services provided under chapter 17.24 RCW are due and payable upon billing by the department. For the convenience of established accounts and in accord with good business practices, the department provides a monthly billing. Accounts not paid in full within thirty days of billing shall be considered delinquent.

(2) All delinquent accounts shall be assessed a late charge equal to one percent per month, or portion of a month, on the unpaid balance.

(3) Except for established accounts where there is a reasonable expectation of additional charges during a calendar month, the minimum billable amount through the monthly billing system shall be twenty dollars. All billable services of less than twenty dollars shall be due and payable on the date that service is rendered.

(4) No person with an account ninety days or more in arrears shall receive service except on the basis of payment in full at the time service is rendered. Such accounts shall not be restored to monthly billing status until all past due amounts are paid-in-full. Such accounts may be subject to legal action for collection.

(5) Accounts that become ninety days or more in arrears twice within a five-year period may be subject to a permanent requirement for payment in full at the time service is provided.

NEW SECTION

WAC 16-470-905 SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES--ESTABLISHING HOURLY RATES. (1) Requested services shall be provided at an hourly rate and an overtime rate except as provided in WAC 16-470-905(5). The overtime rate shall apply for service provided before 8:00 a.m. or after 5:00 p.m. during the work day and for all services provided on Saturday, Sunday, or on a holiday listed in subsection (2) of this section.

(2) Holidays shall mean New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, the day immediately following Thanksgiving Day, Veteran's Day, Christmas Day, President's Day, and Martin Luther King's Birthday.

(3) The minimum hourly charge assessed shall be one hour. Additional charges shall be in one-half hour increments prospectively.

(4) Persons requesting service with less than twenty-four hours notice on a weekend or holiday, or before 8:00 a.m. or after 5:00 p.m., may be subject to a call back charge of two hours at the overtime rate in addition to all other charges if the department is actually required to pay call back to the employee(s) providing the requested service.

(5) For larger projects, the department reserves the right to provide service by written agreement at a single, negotiated cost or at a negotiated hourly rate.

NEW SECTION

WAC 16-470-910 SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES--APPLICABLE FEES AND CHARGES. (1) Hourly rate..... \$25.00
 (2) Overtime rate..... \$32.00
 (3) Laboratory diagnostic services, except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, shall be charged at the applicable hourly rate plus materials.

(4) Plant pathology laboratory diagnostic fees shall be as follows:

Identity Determination	1 sample	5 samples	10 samples	50 samples	100+samples
virus	\$75.00 ea	\$55.00 ea	\$42.00 ea	\$16.00 ea	\$ 2.50 ea
bacteria	35.00 ea	32.00 ea	30.00 ea	29.00 ea	29.00 ea
fungus	35.00 ea	30.00 ea	28.00 ea	29.00 ea	26.00 ea
nematode	26.00 ea	24.00 ea	22.00 ea	22.00 ea	20.00 ea

Note: To receive volume rates, samples must be submitted as a unit and identification request must be for one specific virus, bacterium, fungus, or nematode.

NEW SECTION

WAC 16-470-915 SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES--FEES FOR POST ENTRY INSPECTION SERVICES. (1) Site inspection and/or permit review and approval..... \$50.00

(2) Subsequent inspections of post entry plant materials shall be provided at the applicable hourly rate.

(3) Post entry inspection fees may be waived for state universities, United States Department of Agriculture researchers, and other public entities.

(4) Fees for post entry inspection services shall be effective May 1, 1992.

NEW SECTION

WAC 16-470-920 SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES--MISCELLANEOUS FEES.

(1) Mileage at the established office of financial management rate (schedule A), per diem at actual cost, and travel time at the hourly rate may be assessed for requested inspections or post entry inspections that are not a part of a regular work schedule. Such charges may be prorated among applicants if more than one applicant is provided service during a work day or trip when per diem is applicable.

(2) Postage and other miscellaneous costs shall be charged back at the actual cost.

(3) Certificates of inspection, phytosanitary certificates, and other official documents shall be provided subject to the charges and conditions established in WAC 16-401-025.

(4) Fee for special handling service (i.e., Federal Express, Air Parcel Post, or Air Freight)..... \$3.50

(5) Fee for facsimile transmission of documents, per document..... \$3.50