

Chapter 246-849 WAC OCULARISTS

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246-849-040 Health care institutions. [Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-849-040, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.130.070. WSR 89-14-092 (Order PM 842), § 308-55-055, filed 6/30/89.] Repealed by WSR 18-06-064, filed 3/5/18, effective 4/5/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.55.095 and chapter 18.55 RCW.

246-849-050 Ocularist associations or societies. [Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-849-050, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.130.070. WSR 89-14-092 (Order PM 842), § 308-55-065, filed 6/30/89.] Repealed by WSR 18-06-064, filed 3/5/18, effective 4/5/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.55.095 and chapter 18.55 RCW.

246-849-060 Health care service contractors and disability insurance carriers. [Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-849-060, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.130.070. WSR 89-14-092 (Order PM 842), § 308-55-075, filed 6/30/89.] Repealed by WSR 18-06-064, filed 3/5/18, effective 4/5/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.55.095 and chapter 18.55 RCW.

246-849-070 Professional liability carriers. [Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-849-070, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.130.070. WSR 89-14-092 (Order PM 842), § 308-55-085, filed 6/30/89.] Repealed by WSR 18-06-064, filed 3/5/18, effective 4/5/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.55.095 and chapter 18.55 RCW.

246-849-080 Courts. [Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-849-080, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.130.070. WSR 89-14-092 (Order PM 842), § 308-55-095, filed 6/30/89.] Repealed by WSR 18-06-064, filed 3/5/18, effective 4/5/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.55.095 and chapter 18.55 RCW.

246-849-090 State and federal agencies. [Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-849-090, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.130.070. WSR 89-14-092 (Order PM 842), § 308-55-105, filed 6/30/89.] Repealed by WSR 18-06-064, filed 3/5/18, effective 4/5/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.55.095 and chapter 18.55 RCW.

246-849-100 Cooperation with investigation. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.130.050, 18.130.070 and 1991 c 180 § 8. WSR 92-02-018 (Order 224), § 246-849-100, filed 12/23/91, effective 1/23/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-849-100, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.130.070. WSR 89-14-092 (Order PM 842), § 308-55-115, filed 6/30/89.] Repealed by WSR 18-06-064, filed 3/5/18, effective 4/5/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.55.095 and chapter 18.55 RCW.

246-849-110 AIDS prevention and information education requirements. [Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.280. WSR 98-05-060, § 246-849-110, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98. Statutory Authority: RCW 70.24.270. WSR 92-02-018 (Order 224), § 246-849-110, filed 12/23/91, effective 1/23/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-849-110, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 70.24.270. WSR 88-22-077 (Order PM 786), § 308-55-200, filed 11/2/88.] Repealed by WSR 21-02-002, filed 12/23/20, effective 1/23/21. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.19.050, 18.29.130, 18.29.210, 18.34.120, 18.46.060, 18.55.095, 18.84.040, 18.88B.060, 18.89.050, 18.130.050, 18.138.070, 18.155.040, 18.200.050, 18.205.060, 18.215.040, 18.230.040, 18.240.050, 18.250.020, 18.290.020, 18.360.030, 18.360.070, 70.41.030, 70.230.020, 71.12.670, and 18.108.085.

246-849-200 Apprenticeship training—Definitions. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.55.095. WSR 93-10-008 (Order 355), § 246-849-200, filed 4/22/93, effective 5/23/93.] Repealed by WSR 18-06-064, filed 3/5/18, effective 4/5/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.55.095 and chapter 18.55 RCW.

246-849-240 Definitions. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.55.095. WSR 93-10-008 (Order 355), § 246-849-240, filed 4/22/93, effective 5/23/93.] Repealed by WSR 18-06-064, filed 3/5/18, effective 4/5/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.55.095 and chapter 18.55 RCW.

246-849-250 Issuance and duration of temporary practice permits. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.55.095. WSR 93-10-008 (Order 355), § 246-849-250, filed 4/22/93, effective 5/23/93.] Repealed by WSR 18-06-064, filed 3/5/18, effective 4/5/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.55.095 and chapter 18.55 RCW.

246-849-995 Conversion to a birthday renewal cycle. [Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.280. WSR 98-05-060, § 246-849-995, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98.] Repealed by WSR 05-12-012, filed 5/20/05, effective 7/1/05. Statutory Authority: 43.70.250, [43.70.]280 and 43.70.110.

WAC 246-849-020 Definitions. The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

- (1) "Department" means the Washington state department of health.
- (2) "Direct supervision" means that the supervising ocularist inspects all of the apprentice's work and is physically present on the premises where the apprentice is working at all times.
- (3) "Ocularist" means a person licensed under chapter 18.55 RCW.
- (4) "Primary supervisor" means an ocularist licensed under chapter 18.55 RCW who is:
 - (a) Responsible for the acts of the apprentice; and
 - (b) Provides the majority of the training and direct supervision received by the apprentice.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.55.095 and chapter 18.55 RCW. WSR 18-06-064, § 246-849-020, filed 3/5/18, effective 4/5/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.130.050, 18.130.070 and 1991 c 180 § 8. WSR 92-02-018 (Order 224), § 246-849-020, filed 12/23/91, effective 1/23/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-849-020, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.130.070. WSR 89-14-092 (Order PM 842), § 308-55-035, filed 6/30/89.]

WAC 246-849-030 Mandatory reporting. An ocularist is a mandatory reporter under RCW 18.130 070. Mandatory reporting requirements are in WAC 246-16-200 through 246-16-270.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.55.095 and chapter 18.55 RCW. WSR 18-06-064, § 246-849-030, filed 3/5/18, effective 4/5/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-849-030, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.130.070. WSR 89-14-092 (Order PM 842), § 308-55-045, filed 6/30/89.]

WAC 246-849-210 Ocularist apprentices. A person seeking an initial ocularist license must complete a ten thousand hour ocularist apprenticeship to sit for the ocularist examination. An apprentice must register with the department before starting ocularist training. Training hours completed prior to registration will not count toward the required ten thousand hours necessary to sit for the examination. The maximum number of hours an apprentice can accumulate per year is two thousand hours.

- (1) To apply for registration an applicant must submit to the department:
 - (a) An application on a form provided by the secretary;
 - (b) The registration fee specified in WAC 246-849-990.
- (2) An additional application form and registration fee are required if the apprentice receives training from more than one supervisor or if the apprentice changes supervisors. Training hours with a new supervisor shall not commence until the application has been approved by the secretary and a new license has been issued to the applicant by the department.
- (3) The primary supervisor and registered apprentice shall maintain a record of all apprenticeship hours on an apprenticeship log form provided by the department. This record shall be verified by ini-

tial of both the primary supervisor and apprentice and shall be available upon request by the secretary, or the secretary's designee.

(4) A registered apprentice must notify the department in writing if the apprenticeship training is terminated, unless the termination is due to apprentice licensure. Apprenticeship termination can be submitted on the training certificate form provided by the department.

(5) The apprentice registration along with the name, business address, and business telephone number of the apprentice's primary supervisor shall be posted in public view on the premises where the apprentice works.

(6) Once registered, the apprentice may receive training and accumulate training hours under the direct supervision of a licensed ocularist.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.55.095 and chapter 18.55 RCW. WSR 18-06-064, § 246-849-210, filed 3/5/18, effective 4/5/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.280. WSR 98-05-060, § 246-849-210, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.55.095. WSR 93-10-008 (Order 355), § 246-849-210, filed 4/22/93, effective 5/23/93.]

WAC 246-849-220 Application for examination. (1) A completed examination application, examination fee, and proof of completion of apprenticeship hours must be submitted to the department at least sixty days prior to the scheduled examination.

(2) Applicants must notify the department in writing seven days prior to the examination date to be rescheduled for the examination. The department will review written requests less than seven days before the examination to determine if the test will be rescheduled or if the fee will be forfeited.

(3) Every qualified applicant shall pass an examination with a score of at least seventy percent.

(4) Applicants who fail may sit for the examination if he or she submits an additional application and examination fee.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.55.095 and chapter 18.55 RCW. WSR 18-06-064, § 246-849-220, filed 3/5/18, effective 4/5/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.280. WSR 98-05-060, § 246-849-220, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.55.095. WSR 93-10-008 (Order 355), § 246-849-220, filed 4/22/93, effective 5/23/93.]

WAC 246-849-225 Initial application requirements for licensure as an ocularist. An applicant for an initial ocularist license shall submit the following to the department:

(1) A completed licensure application on forms provided by the department;

(2) Licensing fees required in WAC 246-849-990;

(3) Proof of high school graduation, or its equivalent;

(4) Proof of age eighteen or older;

(5) Verification of the successful completion of 10,000 apprenticeship hours on form(s) provided by the department;

(6) Successful completion of passing the ocularist examination.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.55.095 and chapter 18.55 RCW. WSR 18-06-064, § 246-849-225, filed 3/5/18, effective 4/5/18.]

WAC 246-849-230 Temporary practice permits. Individuals who are currently licensed in another state and satisfy all other licensing requirements and qualifications may receive a temporary practice permit while the national background check is completed. A licensed ocularist may obtain a temporary practice permit when in compliance with the requirements under WAC 246-12-050.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.55.095 and chapter 18.55 RCW. WSR 18-06-064, § 246-849-230, filed 3/5/18, effective 4/5/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.55.095. WSR 93-10-008 (Order 355), § 246-849-230, filed 4/22/93, effective 5/23/93.]

WAC 246-849-260 Retired active credential. A practitioner may obtain a retired active credential. Refer to the requirements of chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 5.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.280. WSR 98-05-060, § 246-849-260, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.55.095. WSR 93-10-008 (Order 355), § 246-849-260, filed 4/22/93, effective 5/23/93.]

WAC 246-849-270 Service disclosure. The ocularist shall provide a written explanation of services to customers or patients. This explanation shall include at a minimum the type of prosthesis or service the customer or patient is receiving or purchasing. This explanation shall be signed by the customer or patient and maintained in the customer or patient records for a minimum of three years. This documentation shall be available and furnished to the department upon request.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.55.095 and chapter 18.55 RCW. WSR 18-06-064, § 246-849-270, filed 3/5/18, effective 4/5/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.55.095. WSR 93-10-008 (Order 355), § 246-849-270, filed 4/22/93, effective 5/23/93.]

WAC 246-849-990 Ocularist fees and renewal cycle. (1) Licenses must be renewed every year on the practitioner's birthday as provided in chapter 246-12 WAC.

(2) The following nonrefundable fees will be charged:

Title of Fee	Fee
Original application and examination	\$370.00
License renewal	
Renewal	555.00
Late renewal penalty	185.00
Apprentice registration	100.00
Apprentice renewal	100.00
Expired license reissuance	115.00
Temporary practice permit	25.00
Retired active license	50.00
Duplicate license	10.00
Verification of license	25.00

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