



RULE-MAKING ORDER
(RCW 34.05.360)

CR-103 (7/10/97)

Agency: Board of Accountancy

- Permanent Rule**
- Emergency Rule**
- Expedited Adoption**
- Expedited Repeal**

(1) Date of adoption: 4/17/98

(2) Purpose:

WAC 4-25-620 requires Washington certified public accountants (CPAs) to be free of conflicts of interest. This requirement is a rule of professional conduct necessary to establish and maintain high standards of ethics of certified public accountants (CPAs) to protect the public interest.

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

Repealed:

Amended: WAC 4-25-620 When must I comply with the rules of conduct requiring integrity and objectivity?

Suspended:

(4) Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 18.04.055(2)

Other authority:

PERMANENT RULE ONLY (including EXPEDITED ADOPTION):

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 98-01-229 on 12/24/97 (date).

Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: None

EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

Under 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:

EXPEDITED REPEAL ONLY

Under Preproposal Statement of Inquiry filed as WSR _____ on _____ (date).

(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
or Expedited Rule Making**

- 31 days after filing
- Other (specify) _____ *

*(If less than 31 days after filing specific finding in 5.3 under RCW 34-05.380(3) is required)

Emergency Rules

- Immediately
- Later (specify) _____

NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)

Cheryl M. Sexton

SIGNATURE

Cheryl M. Sexton

TITLE

Confidential Secretary

DATE

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**Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note.
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The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:

Federal statute:	New _____	Amended _____	Repealed _____
Federal rules or standards:	New _____	Amended _____	Repealed _____
Recently enacted state statutes:	New _____	Amended _____	Repealed _____

The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:

New _____ Amended _____ Repealed _____

The number of sections adopted on the agency's own initiative:

New _____ Amended 1 Repealed _____

The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:

New _____ Amended 1 Repealed _____

The number of sections adopted using:

Negotiated rule making:	New _____	Amended _____	Repealed _____
Pilot rule making:	New _____	Amended _____	Repealed _____
Other alternative rule making:	New _____	Amended <u>1</u>	Repealed _____

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 93-22-046, filed 10/28/93, effective 11/28/93)

WAC 4-25-620 ((Integrity and objectivity.)) When must I comply with the rules of conduct requiring integrity and objectivity? ((In the performance of professional services a person using the CPA title shall be honest, objective, free of conflicts of interest unless such conflicts are specifically permitted by board rule or professional standards, and shall not misrepresent facts or subordinate his or her judgment to others.)) If you use the title CPA when performing professional services you must remain honest and objective. You must not misrepresent facts or subordinate your judgment to others.

Also, you must remain free of conflicts of interest unless such conflicts are specifically permitted by board rule or professional standards. If professional standards differ from board rule, board rule prevails.