



RULE-MAKING ORDER

(RCW 34.05.360)

CR-103 (7/22/01)

Agency: Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission

- Permanent Rule
- Emergency Rule
- Expedited Rule Making

(1) Date of adoption: June 11, 2003

(2) Purpose: WAC 139-10-215: Making this change will bring the corrections standard, for breaks in service, in line with the standard for the Basic Law Enforcement Academy. The current corrections statute does not address this issue. The current status equates to receiving lifetime certification upon completion of a basic correction academy. Requiring employees to update their status after a break in employment of two or more years will keep officers up to date on changes in law and best practices in a quickly changing and challenging field reducing liability for the Commission and its stakeholders.

Corrections Officers may achieve updated training requirement status by: (a) Attending the Corrections Officers Academy, (b) Attending the Equivalency, or (c) Being granted a waiver by the Commission.

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

Repealed: N/A
 Amended: N/A
 Suspended: N/A

(4) Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 43.101.080
Other Authority:

PERMANENT RULE ONLY (Including Expedited Rule Making)

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 03-09-010 on April 4, 2003.

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

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:

(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

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

Emergency Rules

- Immediately
- 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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The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:

Federal statute:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
Federal rules or standards:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>

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

New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
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The number of sections adopted in the agency's own initiative:

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

New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
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The number of sections adopted using:

Negotiated rule making:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
Pilot rule making:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
Other alternative rule making:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 00-17-017, filed 8/4/00, effective 9/4/00)

WAC 139-10-215 Basic corrections academy equivalency certification. (1) A certificate of equivalent basic corrections training shall be issued only to corrections employees who successfully complete the equivalency process as required by the Washington state criminal justice training commission and shall be recognized in the same manner as the certificate of completion of a basic corrections academy.

(2) Eligibility for participation in the basic equivalency process shall be limited to regular, full-time custody and case management employees of publicly funded corrections agencies within this state who have either:

(a) Obtained certification through successful completion of an accepted basic corrections training program in this or another state.

(b) Previously held certification in this state and incurred a break or interruption of corrections employment in excess of twenty-four months.

The determination of program acceptability shall be the responsibility of the commission's executive director or his/her designee and shall be based upon a description and/or curriculum specifying subject areas and hourly allocation thereto.

(3) The decision to request an employee's participation within the equivalency process shall be discretionary with the chief executive officer of the employing agency. Such request shall be made to the commission in the approved form, signed by the chief executive officer of the requesting agency and shall include:

(a) Documented certification of successful completion of a basic corrections training program accepted by the training commission for the purposes of equivalency participation pursuant to the provisions of section (2) above;

(b) Written curriculum detailing specific areas of training and hours of training in specific areas;

(c) Copies of current and valid basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) card and current and valid basic or advanced first-aid card(s) taken within the past year;

(d) Statement of applicant's health and physical condition from a licensed physician giving clearance for participation in physical training and defensive tactics coursework.

(4) Following receipt and acceptance of the above by the training commission, the applicant may participate in the equivalency process which shall include written examinations of specific core material classes, practical testing in basic skill areas, and full participation in mock scenes.

(5) Upon completion of the examination process outlined in

section (4) and evaluation of the applicant's performance, the training commission shall:

(a) Issue a certificate of equivalent basic training;

(b) Issue a certificate of equivalent basic training upon applicant's successful completion of additional training as the training commission may require;

(c) Require completion of the appropriate basic corrections academy program.

(6) Any waiver of, or variance in, any above requirement for equivalency participation and/or certification may be granted by the training commission if it is determined that sufficient justification exists for such action. Any action or determination by commission staff regarding a requestor or applicant for equivalency certification may, upon written request of the involved individual or agency, be appealed to the training commission executive director, or designee.