



# 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 9, 2004

(2) Purpose: WAC 139-05-210 Basic law enforcement equivalency certification.

This change would allow peace officers to work in Washington State without holding a Washington State driver's license. This change is necessary for peace officers that reside in another state (e.g. Idaho and Oregon) and work in Washington State.

(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Repealed: N/A  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 04-07-145 on March 23, 2004.  
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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Date

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A section may be counted in more than one category.

**The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:**

<b>Federal statute:</b>	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
<b>Federal rules or standards:</b>	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
<b>Recently enacted state statutes:</b>	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	Repealed	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>1</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
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**The number of sections adopted in the agency's own initiative:**

	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
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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:**

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	Repealed	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	Repealed	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	Repealed	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

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 03-07-099, filed 3/19/03, effective 4/19/03)

**WAC 139-05-210 Basic law enforcement equivalency certification.** (1) A certificate of equivalent basic law enforcement training shall be issued only to applicants who successfully complete the equivalency process as required by the Washington state criminal justice training commission. For this purpose, the term "process" shall include all documentation and prerequisites set forth in subsection (6) of this section, and successful completion of all knowledge and skills requirements within the basic equivalency academy. A certificate of equivalent basic law enforcement training shall be recognized in the same manner as the certificate of completion of the basic law enforcement academy.

(2) Eligibility for participation in the basic equivalency process shall be limited to (~~regular, full-time,~~) fully commissioned law enforcement officers of a city, county, or political subdivision of the state of Washington, who otherwise are eligible to attend the basic law enforcement academy, and who have attained basic certification through completion of a basic training program in this or another state. For this purpose, the term "basic training program" shall not include any military or reserve training program, or any federal training program not otherwise approved by a majority of the commission membership.

(3) The participation of any eligible and approved applicant for a certificate of equivalent basic law enforcement training shall be effected within, and limited to, the first available session of the basic equivalency academy following such applicant's date of hire; provided that no applicant shall be required to attend a session of the basic equivalency academy which is conducted within the initial sixty days of the employment for which certification is requested.

It shall be the responsibility of the applicant's agency to ensure that all necessary forms and documentation are completed and submitted to the commission in a timely manner and as necessary to ensure that the participation provided by this section is effected.

The participation of any applicant in any session of the basic equivalency academy not otherwise provided herein shall require the approval of the commission.

(4) In those instances wherein an applicant has attended more than one basic training program, eligibility for participation in the basic equivalency process shall not be approved if such applicant, for whatever reason, failed to successfully complete the most recent of such programs attended.

(5) The decision to request an officer's participation within the equivalency process shall be discretionary with the head of the

officer's employing agency, who shall advise the commission of that decision by appropriate notation upon the hiring notification submitted to the commission for such officer. Upon receipt of such notification, the commission shall provide to such agency head all necessary forms and information required for the processing of a request for a certificate of equivalent basic training.

(6) Upon approval of an applicant's eligibility to participate in the equivalency process, the applicant's employing agency shall submit to the commission the following documentation as a precondition of participation within such process:

(a) A copy of applicant's current and valid (~~Washington state~~) driver's license;

(b) A copy of applicant's current and valid basic first-aid card;

(c) A statement of applicant's health and physical condition by an examining physician;

(d) A record of applicant's firearms qualification;

(e) A liability release agreement by the applicant; and

(f) A criminal records check regarding such applicant.

(7) If such training has not been completed previously, the applicant shall be required to complete the commission's forty hour emergency vehicle operation course, as scheduled by the commission.

(8) Upon completion of the equivalency process and review and evaluation of applicant's performances therein, the 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; or

(c) Require completion of the basic law enforcement academy.

(9) Any action or determination by the commission staff regarding a requestor or applicant for equivalency certification shall, upon written request of the involved individual or agency, be reviewed by the executive director of the training commission.

(10) Any waiver of, or variance in, any above requirement for equivalency participation and/or certification may be granted by the commission if it determines that sufficient justification exists for such action.