

WSR 24-21-150

PERMANENT RULES

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Effective Date of Rule: Thirty-one days after filing.

Purpose: Nursing fee rule housekeeping correction to totals. The department of health (department), in consultation with the Washington state board of nursing (board), has permanently adopted amendments to WAC 246-840-990 to make a housekeeping change to correct fee total amounts.

In January 2024, the department in consultation with the board, adopted amendments to WAC 246-840-990. These amendments were introduced to establish the multistate nursing license fee and increase the nursing center surcharge fee as directed by SSB 5499 (chapter 123, Laws of 2023). The nursing center surcharge fee increased from five to eight dollars per year for all initial licenses and renewal licenses for registered nurses and licensed practical nurses.

It was discovered that the fee totals for retired active and inactive licenses in WAC 246-840-990 were incorrect and did not include the increased surcharge fee. The department, in consultation with the board, has adopted further amendments to WAC 246-840-990 to ensure the fee totals accurately reflect the updated surcharge fee. There is no change to the fees being charged. The changes only correct a technical error in the total lines.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 246-840-990.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 43.70.110, 43.70.250, and 43.70.280.

Other Authority: RCW 18.79.202.

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 24-14-126 on July 2, 2024.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0.

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 24-02-057, filed 12/28/23, effective 1/31/24)

WAC 246-840-990 Fees and renewal cycle. (1) A licensed practical nurse (LPN) or a registered nurse (RN) must renew their single or multistate license every year on the licensee's birthday.

(2) When applying for a license an applicant for an initial or renewal LPN license or RN license must pay, in addition to the application fee, the University of Washington (UW) health sciences online library access (HEAL-WA) surcharge and the central nursing resource center (nursing center) surcharge, as required in RCW 43.70.110.

(3) An advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP) must renew their license every two years on the licensee's birthday. An ARNP must also hold a valid single or multistate RN license and pay all associated fees every year on the licensee's birthday.

(4) A nursing technician must renew their registration every year on the practitioner's birthday. The renewal must be accompanied by an attestation as required in RCW 18.79.370 that includes the nursing technician's anticipated graduation date. If the anticipated graduation date is within one year, the registration will expire 30 days after the anticipated graduation date. The expiration date may be extended to 60 days after graduation if the nursing technician can show good cause as defined in WAC 246-840-010(15).

(5) A practitioner who holds more than one credential will be charged separate fees for each credential, in compliance with WAC 246-12-020 through 246-12-051 and RCW 43.70.110.

(6) The following nonrefundable fees will be charged:

Application Fees

	Registered Nurse	Multistate Registered Nurse ²	Licensed Practical Nurse	Multistate Licensed Practical Nurse ²	Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner ¹	Nursing Technician
Application Fee	114	114	69	69	130	25
HEAL-WA Surcharge	16	16	16	16	0	0
Nursing Center Surcharge	8	8	8	8	0	0
Multistate License Fee	0	65	0	65	0	0
Total	138	203	93	158	130	25

¹ Pays a \$130 application fee per specialty license. If not currently a licensed RN, must also pay RN application fees.

² Providers currently licensed in Washington state pay the \$65 multistate license fee to convert their existing license to a multistate license.

On-Time Renewal

	Registered Nurse	Multistate Registered Nurse	Licensed Practical Nurse	Multistate Licensed Practical Nurse	Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner ²	Nursing Technician
Renewal Fee	114	114	69	69	130	25
HEAL-WA Surcharge	16	16	16	16	0	0
Nursing Center Surcharge	8	8	8	8	0	0

On-Time Renewal

	Registered Nurse	Multistate Registered Nurse	Licensed Practical Nurse	Multistate Licensed Practical Nurse	Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner ²	Nursing Technician
Multistate License Fee	0	20	0	20	0	0
Total	138	158	93	113	130	25

²Pays a \$130 renewal fee per specialty license once every two years. Must also renew RN license every year.

Late Renewal - Up to One Year Past the Expiration

	Registered Nurse	Multistate Registered Nurse	Licensed Practical Nurse	Multistate Licensed Practical Nurse	Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner ³	Nursing Technician
Renewal Fee	114	114	69	69	130	25
HEAL-WA Surcharge	16	16	16	16	0	0
Nursing Center Surcharge	8	8	8	8	0	0
Late Renewal Penalty	50	50	50	50	50	25
Multistate License Fee	0	20	0	20	0	0
Total	188	208	143	163	180	50

³Pays \$50 per specialty license in late fees.

Late Renewal - One Year or More Expired

	Registered Nurse	Multistate Registered Nurse	Licensed Practical Nurse	Multistate Licensed Practical Nurse	Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner	
Renewal Fee	114	114	69	69	130	
HEAL-WA Surcharge	16	16	16	16	0	
Nursing Center Surcharge	8	8	8	8	0	
Late Renewal Penalty	50	50	50	50	50	
Expired Licenses Reissuance	70	70	70	70	0	
Multistate License Fee	0	20	0	20	0	
Total	258	278	213	233	180	

Retired Active Renewal

	Registered Nurse		Licensed Practical Nurse			
Renewal Fee	44		44			
HEAL-WA Surcharge	16		16			
Nursing Center Surcharge	8		8			
Total	((65)) 68		((65)) 68			

Retired Active Renewal—Late Renewal - Up to One Year Past the Expiration

	Registered Nurse		Licensed Practical Nurse			
Renewal Fee	44		44			
HEAL-WA Surcharge	16		16			
Nursing Center Surcharge	8		8			
Late Renewal Penalty	45		45			
Total	((110)) 113		((110)) 113			

Retired Active Renewal—Late Renewal - One Year or More Expired

	Registered Nurse		Licensed Practical Nurse			
Renewal Fee	44		44			
HEAL-WA Surcharge	16		16			
Nursing Center Surcharge	8		8			
Late Renewal Penalty	45		45			
Expired License Reissuance	70		70			
Total	((180)) 183		((180)) 183			

Inactive License Renewal

	Registered Nurse		Licensed Practical Nurse		Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner	
Renewal Fee	44		44		40	
HEAL-WA Surcharge	16		16		0	
Nursing Center Surcharge	8		8		0	
Total	((65)) 68		((65)) 68		40	

Inactive License Renewal—Late Renewal - Up to One Year Past the Expiration

	Registered Nurse		Licensed Practical Nurse		Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner	
Renewal Fee	44		44		40	
HEAL-WA Surcharge	16		16		0	
Nursing Center Surcharge	8		8		0	
Late Renewal Penalty	45		45		40	
Total	((110)) 113		((110)) 113		80	

Inactive License Renewal—Late Renewal - One Year or More Expired

	Registered Nurse		Licensed Practical Nurse		Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner	
Renewal Fee	44		44		40	
HEAL-WA Surcharge	16		16		0	
Nursing Center Surcharge	8		8		0	
Late Renewal Penalty	45		45		40	
Expired License Reissuance	40		40		40	
Total	((150)) 153		((150)) 153		120	

Other fees

	Registered Nurse		Licensed Practical Nurse		Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner	Nursing Technician
Duplicate Licensee or Registration	20		20		20	15
Verification Licensure	25		25		25	25