

**Chapter 137-54 WAC**  
**INMATE MARRIAGES—ADULT CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES**

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**WAC 137-54-010 Definitions.** As used in this chapter, the following words have the following meanings:

(1) "Institution" means an adult correctional facility identified in RCW 72.01.050(2) or any similar facility hereafter established, or a work/training release facility established pursuant to chapter 72.65 RCW;

(2) "Superintendent" means the superintendent of an adult correctional facility identified in RCW 72.01.050(2) or any similar facility hereafter established or the supervisor of a work/training release facility established pursuant to chapter 72.65 RCW;

(3) "Inmate" means a person under the custody of the state department of corrections but does not include a parolee or a probationer.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 72.01.090 and 72.09.050. WSR 85-05-019 (Order 85-03), § 137-54-010, filed 2/13/85.]

**WAC 137-54-020 Eligibility and notice.** An inmate may marry while confined to or on furlough from an institution if such marriage is legally permissible under the laws of the state of Washington. An inmate must give written notice of his or her intention to marry. Such notice shall be given to the superintendent of the institution in which the inmate resides.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 72.01.090 and 72.09.050. WSR 85-05-019 (Order 85-03), § 137-54-020, filed 2/13/85.]

**WAC 137-54-030 Superintendent's procedures.** (1) Superintendents shall develop written procedures for inmate marriages. Said procedures shall address, but not be limited to:

(a) The inmate's notice of intent to marry;

(b) Premarriage counseling for the inmate and the intended spouse;

(c) The visitation privileges between the inmate and intended spouse; and

(d) The conduct of the marriage and related matters, giving due consideration to the requirements of security, safety, health, and orderliness.

(2) Inmates will be advised of such procedures developed by the superintendent.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 72.01.090 and 72.09.050. WSR 86-07-034 (Order 86-05), § 137-54-030, filed 3/14/86; WSR 85-05-019 (Order 85-03), § 137-54-030, filed 2/13/85.]

**WAC 137-54-040 Marriage ceremony.** All marriage arrangements will be planned in conjunction with and supervised by the chaplain assigned to the institution in which the inmate resides. When the marriage ceremony takes place within an institution the superintendent may permit outside clergy or other lawfully authorized persons to perform the marriage ceremony.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 72.01.090 and 72.09.050. WSR 85-05-019 (Order 85-03), § 137-54-040, filed 2/13/85.]