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FUNERAL DIRECTORS, EMBALMERS, CREMATORIES, ALKALINE HYDROLYSIS FACILITIES, AND NATURAL ORGANIC REDUCTION FACILITIES

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308-48-020 Misconduct enumerated in statute. [Rule 2, filed 9/17/64.] Repealed by WSR 83-04-021 (Order PL 420), filed 1/26/83. Statutory Authority: 1982 c 66 § 12.
308-48-070 Fraud and deceit. [Rule 7, filed 9/17/64.] Repealed by WSR 02-19-019, filed 9/9/02, effective 10/10/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175(4).
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308-48-100 Improper methods for seeking business. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175 (4) and (5). WSR 85-19-014 (Order PL 551), § 308-48-100, filed 9/6/85; Rule 10, filed 9/17/64.] Repealed by WSR 02-19-019, filed 9/9/02, effective 10/10/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175(4).
308-48-110 Revocation of license. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175. WSR 83-04-020 (Order PL 419), § 308-48-110, filed 1/26/83; Order PL 273, § 308-48-110, filed 8/1/77; Rule 11, filed 9/17/64.] Repealed by WSR 07-03-027, filed 1/5/07, effective 2/5/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175 and chapter 34.05 RCW.
308-48-115 Director's designees. [Order PL 273, § 308-48-115, filed 8/1/77.] Repealed by WSR 83-04-021 (Order PL 420), filed 1/26/83. Statutory Authority: 1982 c 66 § 12.
308-48-120 Apprentices—Credit limitation for prior employment. [Rules, § 1, filed 10/5/67.] Repealed by WSR 86-15-022 (Order PM 604), filed 7/11/86. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175(4).
308-48-130 College credit. [Rules, § 2, filed 10/5/67.] Repealed by WSR 86-15-022 (Order PM 604), filed 7/11/86. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175(4).
308-48-140 Licenses—Applicants from other states. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.35.175(4). WSR 88-13-010 (Order PM 737), § 308-48-140, filed 6/6/88; WSR 86-15-022 (Order PM 604), § 308-48-140, filed 7/11/86. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.130, as amended by SHB 871. WSR 83-01-111 (Order PL 416), § 308-48-140, filed 12/21/82; Order 700801, § 308-48-140, filed 8/25/70.] Repealed by WSR 96-17-040, filed 8/19/96, effective 9/19/96. Statutory Authority: RCW 34.05.354, 18.16.030, 43.17.060, 43.24.040, 43.24.024, 46.01.160, 18.145.050 and 18.39.175.
308-48-165 Examination subjects. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175(4). WSR 86-15-022 (Order PM 604), § 308-48-165, filed 7/11/86. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175. WSR 83-04-020 (Order PL 419), § 308-48-165, filed 1/26/83.] Repealed by WSR 90-17-148, filed 8/22/90, effective 9/22/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175(4).
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308-48-175 Application to national boards—Embalmers. [Order PL 273, § 308-48-175, filed 8/1/77; Order PL-259, § 308-48-175, filed 12/7/76.] Repealed by WSR 83-04-021 (Order PL 420), filed 1/26/83. Statutory Authority: 1982 c 66 § 12.

308-48-185 Funeral establishments and crematories—License expiration. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175(4). WSR 98-21-056, § 308-48-185, filed 10/19/98, effective 11/19/98; Order PL 273, § 308-48-185, filed 8/1/77.] Repealed by WSR 02-19-019, filed 9/9/02, effective 10/10/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175(4).

308-48-190 Examination fee. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175. WSR 83-04-020 (Order PL 419), § 308-48-190, filed 1/26/83; Order PL-249, § 308-48-190, filed 5/21/76.] Repealed by WSR 09-17-116, filed 8/18/09, effective 9/18/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.050, 18.39.175, 43.24.086 and chapter 34.05 RCW.

308-48-19001 Definition—Employ. [Order PL 273, § 308-48-190 (codified as WAC 308-48-19001), filed 8/1/77.] Repealed by WSR 83-04-021 (Order PL 420), filed 1/26/83. Statutory Authority: 1982 c 66 § 12.

308-48-250 Fees. [Statutory Authority: 1983 c 168 § 12. WSR 83-17-031 (Order PL 442), § 308-48-250, filed 8/10/83. Formerly WAC 308-48-310.] Repealed by WSR 87-10-028 (Order PM 650), filed 5/1/87. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.24.086.

308-48-300 License renewal fee. [Order PL-163, § 308-48-300, filed 3/18/74.] Repealed by Order PL 207, filed 11/5/75. Later promulgation, see WAC 308-48-310.

308-48-310 Funeral directors and embalmers—Fees. [Statutory Authority: RCW 43.24.085. WSR 80-14-022 (Order 356), § 308-48-310, filed 9/25/80; Order PL 273, § 308-48-310, filed 8/1/77; Order PL-259, § 308-48-310, filed 12/7/76; Order PL 207, § 308-48-310, filed 11/5/75.] Repealed by WSR 83-17-031 (Order PL 442), filed 8/10/83. Statutory Authority: 1983 c 168 § 12. Later promulgation, see WAC 308-48-250.

308-48-320 Uniform Disciplinary Act. [Statutory Authority: 1984 c 279 § 35. WSR 84-21-132 (Order PL 492), § 308-48-320, filed 10/24/84.] Repealed by WSR 85-19-013 (Order PL 550), filed 9/6/85. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175 (4) and (6) and 18.39.176.

308-48-350 AIDS prevention and information education requirements. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175 and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 07-03-027, § 308-48-350, filed 1/5/07, effective 2/5/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175(4). WSR 02-19-019, § 308-48-350, filed 9/9/02, effective 10/10/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 70.24.270. WSR 89-04-002 (Order PM 793), § 308-48-350, filed 1/19/89.] Repealed by WSR 20-09-031, filed 4/6/20, effective 5/7/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 68.05.105 and 18.39.175.

308-48-510 Continuing education requirements—Purpose. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175 and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 07-03-027, § 308-48-510, filed 1/5/07, effective 2/5/07. Statutory Authority: 1984 c 279 § 53(b). WSR 85-01-077 (Order PL 504), § 308-48-510, filed 12/19/84.] Repealed by WSR 20-09-031, filed 4/6/20, effective 5/7/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 68.05.105 and 18.39.175.

308-48-520 Effective date of continuing education requirement. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175 and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 07-03-027, § 308-48-520, filed 1/5/07, effective 2/5/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175(4). WSR 02-19-019, § 308-48-520, filed 9/9/02, effective 10/10/02. Statutory Authority: 1984 c 279 § 53(b). WSR 85-01-077 (Order PL 504), § 308-48-520, filed 12/19/84.] Repealed by WSR 20-09-031, filed 4/6/20, effective 5/7/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 68.05.105 and 18.39.175.

308-48-550 Continuing education reporting requirement. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175 and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 07-03-027, § 308-48-550, filed 1/5/07, effective 2/5/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.120 and 18.39.175. WSR 88-01-024 (Order PM 697), § 308-48-550, filed 12/9/87. Statutory Authority: 1984 c 279 § 53(b). WSR 85-01-077 (Order PL 504), § 308-48-550, filed 12/19/84.] Repealed by WSR 20-09-031, filed 4/6/20, effective 5/7/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 68.05.105 and 18.39.175.

308-48-560 Continuing education documentation may be required. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175(7). WSR 90-24-056, § 308-48-560, filed 12/3/90, effective 1/3/91. Statutory Authority: 1984 c 279 § 53(b). WSR 85-01-077 (Order PL 504), § 308-48-560, filed 12/19/84.] Repealed by WSR 20-09-031, filed 4/6/20, effective 5/7/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 68.05.105 and 18.39.175.

308-48-590 Qualification for board approval of continuing education activities. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175 and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 07-03-027, § 308-48-590, filed 1/5/07, effective 2/5/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.120 and 18.39.175. WSR 88-01-024 (Order PM 697), § 308-48-590, filed 12/9/87. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175 (4) and (6) and 18.39.176. WSR 85-19-013 (Order PL 550), § 308-48-590, filed 9/6/85. Statutory Authority: 1984 c 279 § 53(b). WSR 85-01-077 (Order PL 504), § 308-48-590, filed 12/19/84.] Repealed by WSR 20-09-031, filed 4/6/20, effective 5/7/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 68.05.105 and 18.39.175.

308-48-600 Procedure for obtaining board approval of continuing education activity. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175(4). WSR 02-19-019, § 308-48-600, filed 9/9/02, effective 10/10/02; WSR 91-20-071, § 308-48-600, filed 9/26/91, effective 10/27/91. Statutory Authority: 1984 c 279 § 53(b). WSR 85-01-077 (Order PL 504), § 308-48-600, filed 12/19/84.] Repealed by WSR 20-09-031, filed 4/6/20, effective 5/7/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 68.05.105 and 18.39.175.

308-48-700 Definitions. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175 as amended by 1985 c 402 § 6. WSR 85-21-066 (Order PL 561), § 308-48-700, filed 10/17/85.] Repealed by WSR 02-19-019, filed 9/9/02, effective 10/10/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175(4).

308-48-710 Identification of human remains. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175 as amended by 1985 c 402 § 6. WSR 85-21-066 (Order PL 561), § 308-48-710, filed 10/17/85.] Repealed by WSR 02-19-019, filed 9/9/02, effective 10/10/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175(4).

308-48-720 Holding human remains for cremation. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175 as amended by 1985 c 402 § 6. WSR 85-21-066 (Order PL 561), § 308-48-720, filed 10/17/85.] Repealed by WSR 02-19-019, filed 9/9/02, effective 10/10/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175(4).

308-48-730 Cremation of human remains. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175 as amended by 1985 c 402 § 6. WSR 85-21-066 (Order PL 561), § 308-48-730, filed 10/17/85.] Repealed by WSR 02-19-019, filed 9/9/02, effective 10/10/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175(4).

308-48-740 Processing of cremated remains. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175 as amended by 1985 c 402 § 6. WSR 85-21-066 (Order PL 561), § 308-48-740, filed 10/17/85.] Repealed by WSR 02-19-019, filed 9/9/02, effective 10/10/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175(4).

308-48-750 Packaging and storage of cremated or processed remains. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175 as amended by 1985 c 402 § 6. WSR 85-21-066 (Order PL 561), § 308-48-750, filed 10/17/85.] Repealed by WSR 02-19-019, filed 9/9/02, effective 10/10/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175(4).

308-48-760 Disposition of cremated or processed remains. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175 as amended by 1985 c 402 § 6. WSR 85-21-066 (Order PL 561), § 308-48-760, filed 10/17/85.] Repealed by WSR 02-19-019, filed 9/9/02, effective 10/10/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175(4).

308-48-770 Endorsement required. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175 as amended by 1985 c 402 § 6. WSR 85-21-066 (Order PL 561), § 308-48-770, filed 10/17/85.] Repealed by WSR 02-19-019, filed 9/9/02, effective 10/10/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175(4).

308-48-780 Crematories—Inspections. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175 and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 07-03-027, § 308-48-780, filed 1/5/07, effective 2/5/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175 as amended by 1985 c 402 § 6. WSR 85-21-066 (Order PL 561), § 308-48-780, filed 10/17/85.] Repealed by WSR 20-09-031, filed 4/6/20, effective 5/7/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 68.05.105 and 18.39.175.

308-48-790 Crematory endorsements—Registration—Expiration. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.35.175(4). WSR 88-13-010 (Order PM 737), § 308-48-790, filed 6/6/88. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175(4) as amended by 1985 c 402 § 6. WSR 86-05-031 (Order PL 581), § 308-48-790, filed 2/19/86.] Repealed by WSR 98-21-056, filed 10/19/98, effective 11/19/98. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175(4).

308-48-810 Brief adjudicative proceedings—When they can be used. [Statutory Authority: RCW 46.01.110 and 2018 c 199. WSR 18-21-028, § 308-48-810, filed 10/5/18, effective 11/5/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175 and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 05-23-150, § 308-48-810, filed 11/22/05, effective 12/23/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175(4). WSR 97-21-063, § 308-48-810, filed 10/14/97, effective 11/14/97.] Repealed by WSR 20-09-031, filed 4/6/20, effective 5/7/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 68.05.105 and 18.39.175.

308-48-815 Objections to brief adjudicative proceedings and conversion to formal adjudicative hearings. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175 and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 05-23-150, § 308-48-815, filed 11/22/05, effective 12/23/05.] Repealed by WSR 20-09-031, filed 4/6/20, effective 5/7/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 68.05.105 and 18.39.175.

308-48-820 Preliminary record in brief adjudicative proceedings. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175(4). WSR 97-21-063, § 308-48-820, filed 10/14/97, effective 11/14/97.] Repealed by WSR 05-23-150, filed 11/22/05, effective 12/23/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175 and chapter 34.05 RCW.

308-48-830 Conduct of brief adjudicative proceedings. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175(4). WSR 97-21-063, § 308-48-830, filed 10/14/97, effective 11/14/97.] Repealed by WSR 05-23-150, filed 11/22/05, effective 12/23/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175 and chapter 34.05 RCW.

308-48-860 Registered intern examination. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175 and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 07-18-030, § 308-48-860, filed 8/28/07, effective 9/28/07.] Repealed by WSR 20-09-031, filed 4/6/20, effective 5/7/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 68.05.105 and 18.39.175.

WAC 308-48-010 Definitions. For the purpose of these rules, the following terms will be construed as follows:

(1) **"Arrangements"** means the discussion(s) that take place between the funeral director and person(s) with the right to control disposition, or their designated representative of the deceased, during which the funeral director provides options for the preparation of the body, use of facilities and staff, and selection of merchandise including the associated prices; and after which the funeral director provides a signed written summary of the services and/or merchandise selected to be provided by the funeral establishment.

(2) **"Authorizing agent"** means the person(s) legally entitled to control the disposition of the human remains.

(3) **"Board"** means the funeral and cemetery board.

(4) **"Embalmer"** means a person engaged in the profession or business of disinfecting and preserving human remains for transportation or final disposition.

(5) **"Embalmer intern"** is a person engaged in the study and supervised practical training of embalming under the instruction of a qualified sponsor.

(6) **"Final disposition"** means burial, entombment, inurnment, or scattering.

(7) **"Funeral director"** means a person engaged in the profession or business of providing for the care, shelter, transportation, and arrangements for the disposition of human remains that may include arranging and directing funeral, memorial, or other services.

(8) **"Funeral director intern"** is a person engaged in the study and supervised practical training of funeral directing under the instruction of a qualified sponsor.

(9) **"Funeral establishment"** means a place of business licensed in accordance with RCW 18.39.145, that provides for any aspect of the care, shelter, transportation, embalming, preparation, and arrangements for the disposition of human remains and includes all areas of such entity and all equipment, instruments, and supplies used in the care, shelter, transportation, preparation, and embalming of human remains.

(10) **"Internship"** means a course of required practical training, for a specified period of time, as a prerequisite for obtaining a license to practice the profession of funeral directing or embalming.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 68.05.105 and 18.39.175. WSR 20-09-031, § 308-48-010, filed 4/6/20, effective 5/7/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175 and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 09-06-043, § 308-48-010, filed 2/25/09, effective 3/28/09; WSR 07-18-030, § 308-48-010, filed 8/28/07, effective 9/28/07; WSR 07-03-027, § 308-48-010, filed 1/5/07, effective 2/5/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175(4). WSR 02-19-019, § 308-48-010, filed 9/9/02, effective 10/10/02; WSR 86-15-022 (Order PM 604), § 308-48-010, filed 7/11/86. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175. WSR 83-04-020 (Order PL 419), § 308-48-010, filed 1/26/83; Rule 1, filed 9/17/64.]

WAC 308-48-015 Retired status certificate of registration. Any individual who has been issued a license, in accordance with chapter 18.39 RCW, as a funeral director and/or embalmer having reached at least the age of sixty-two and having discontinued active practice may be eligible to obtain a "retired certificate of registration." If granted, further certificate of registration renewal fees and continuing education are waived. For the purpose of this provision, active practice has the same meaning as funeral director and/or embalmer under RCW 18.39.010 (3) and (4).

(1) Applications. Those persons wishing to obtain the status of a retired registration shall complete an application form, as provided by the board. The retired status would become effective upon the filing of a complete application.

(2) Privileges. In addition to the waiver of the renewal fee and continuing education, a retired registrant is permitted to:

(a) Retain and display the board-issued wall certificate of registration;

(b) Use the title funeral director and/or embalmer, provided that it is supplemented by the term "retired";

(c) Offer consultant services relative to funeral directing and embalming;

(d) Provide references for persons seeking licensure under 18.39 RCW;

(e) Serve as a volunteer in an instructional capacity on funeral directing and/or embalming topics; and

(f) Provide services as a technical expert before a court, or in preparation for pending litigation, on matters directly related to fu-

neral directing and/or embalming work performed by the registrant prior to being granted a retired registration.

(3) Restrictions. A retired registrant is not permitted to: Perform any duties of a funeral director and/or embalmer on a full-time, part-time or occasional basis.

(4) Certificate of registration reinstatement. A retired registrant, upon written request to the board and payment of the current renewal fee, may resume active practice as a funeral director and/or embalmer. At that time, the retired registrant shall be removed from retired status and placed on valid/active status in the records of the board.

(5) Exemptions. Under no circumstances shall a registrant be eligible for a retired certificate of registration if their license(s) has been revoked, surrendered, or in any way permanently terminated by the board under chapter 18.39 RCW. Registrants who are suspended from practice and/or who are subject to terms of a board order at the time they reach age sixty-two, shall not be eligible for a retired registration until such time that the board has removed the restricting conditions.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 68.05.105 and 18.39.175. WSR 20-09-031, § 308-48-015, filed 4/6/20, effective 5/7/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175 and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 09-06-043, § 308-48-015, filed 2/25/09, effective 3/28/09.]

WAC 308-48-030 Care of human remains. (1) Funeral establishments, funeral directors, embalmers, interns, employees or agents while providing for the care and handling of human remains shall:

(a) Comply with all applicable Washington state laws, rules and regulations related to health or the handling, transportation or disposition of human remains. This rule includes compliance with OSHA/WISHA standards specifically defined in OSHA 29 C.F.R. 1910.1030 with regard to the handling of human remains and infectious materials.

(b) Not perform any act which will tend to affect adversely the dignity, individual integrity or the respectful and reverential handling and burial or other lawful disposition of human remains.

(c) Upon receipt of the human remains, obtain the identity of the human remains as established by the institution, agency, or individual releasing the remains and place an identification bracelet or tag on the ankle or wrist of the remains. In the case of a remains that must be placed in a protective pouch due to the condition of the remains, an identification bracelet or tag should be placed inside the pouch and a second bracelet or tag attached to the exterior of the pouch.

(d) Follow the directions of the individual or individuals that has/have the right to control the disposition of the human remains.

(e) Record and maintain the following information:

(i) Name of deceased;

(ii) Date of death;

(iii) Place of death;

(iv) Name and relationship of person(s) having the right to control the disposition;

(v) Date and time of receipt of remains;

(vi) Date and time of refrigeration and/or embalming;

(vii) Date and time of removal of remains from refrigeration;

(viii) Method, date and location of disposition.

(f) Not separate any organs, viscera or appendages of a human remains from any other portion of the remains for a separate or different disposition.

(g) Provide refrigerated holding of a human remains for which embalming has not been authorized. In addition to these regulations, the handling and refrigeration of human remains shall be governed by chapter 246-500 WAC.

(2) The care and preparation for burial or other disposition of all human remains shall be private. No one shall be allowed in the embalming or preparation rooms while a human remains is being embalmed or during the course of an autopsy except the licensee, their licensed employees, and public officials in the discharge of their duties. This rule shall not apply to medical personnel employed in a situation requiring medical expertise or those authorized to be present by the decedent's next of kin.

(3) Every licensee shall provide a written itemization of any property, money, jewelry, possessions or other items found on a human remains in the licensee's care, custody or control to the decedent's next of kin or the proper authorities.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 68.05.105 and 18.39.175. WSR 20-09-031, § 308-48-030, filed 4/6/20, effective 5/7/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175 and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 07-03-027, § 308-48-030, filed 1/5/07, effective 2/5/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175(4). WSR 97-21-061, § 308-48-030, filed 10/14/97, effective 11/14/97. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.157(4) [18.39.175(4)]. WSR 88-08-015 (Order PM 716), § 308-48-030, filed 3/28/88. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175. WSR 83-04-020 (Order PL 419), § 308-48-030, filed 1/26/83; Rule 3, filed 9/17/64.]

WAC 308-48-031 Funeral establishment facility, equipment, and embalming and preparation room standards. A funeral establishment or branch establishment shall:

(1) Have an exclusive area/office at an identified location for conducting the business which is accessible to the public.

(2) Provide private and secure area(s) for holding human remains which will include:

(a) A mechanically or commercially acceptable refrigerated holding area of adequate capacity for unembalmed remains with a maximum temperature of 48 degrees Fahrenheit or as determined by chapter 246-500 WAC;

(b) A sink with hot and cold running water;

(c) Covered receptacles for soiled linens, bandages, refuse and other waste materials which meet OSHA, WISHA, department of health and any other applicable regulations;

(d) Adequate chemicals for the disinfection of human remains and the equipment used in handling and caring for human remains;

(e) Chemical storage that meets OSHA, WISHA, department of health and any other applicable regulations.

(3) Provide rest rooms that are available for staff and the public.

(4) In the case where the holding of human remains is not provided at this facility, provide the identification of the facility upon request to the board and the individual or individuals that has/have the right to control the disposition of the human remains where this establishment or branch provides for the holding and/or preparation of

the human remains entrusted to its care (this off-site facility must meet the requirements of subsection (2) of this section).

(5) Provide for the privacy of uncasketed human remains in vehicles used for transportation of the remains by screening, curtains, or adequately tinted windows.

(6) Provide a room used exclusively for embalming human remains if embalming is performed at the establishment or branch. Such room shall be maintained and kept in a clean sanitary condition. Every embalming and preparation room shall be constructed, equipped, and maintained as follows:

(a) The surfaces of the floor, walls, and ceiling shall be covered with tile or other hard, smooth, impervious washable material.

(b) The room shall be adequately lighted and adequately ventilated. The ventilation shall be provided by an exhaust fan and shall comply with OSHA/WISHA standards.

(c) The room shall be equipped and provided with hot and cold running water, a utility sink, and cabinets, closets or shelves for instruments and supplies.

(d) The room shall be equipped with adequate sewage and waste disposal and drainage facilities and systems and comply with OSHA/WISHA standards.

(e) The doors shall be tight closing and rigid and any windows of the room shall be so maintained as to obstruct any view into such room. The room's entry door(s) must be labeled "Private" or "Authorized Entry Only," and must be locked at all times.

(f) The embalming or preparation table shall be nonporous.

(g) The room shall be equipped with proper and convenient covered receptacles for biohazard refuse.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 68.05.105 and 18.39.175. WSR 20-09-031, § 308-48-031, filed 4/6/20, effective 5/7/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175 and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 07-03-027, § 308-48-031, filed 1/5/07, effective 2/5/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175(4). WSR 02-19-019, § 308-48-031, filed 9/9/02, effective 10/10/02; WSR 97-21-060, § 308-48-031, filed 10/14/97, effective 11/14/97. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.157(4) [18.39.175(4)]. WSR 88-08-015 (Order PM 716), § 308-48-031, filed 3/28/88.]

WAC 308-48-040 Control of human remains. No licensee will, directly or indirectly, assume control of any human remains without having first obtained authority from the person(s) having the right to control the disposition of the human remains under RCW 68.50.160, as to matters relating to the preparation, handling and final disposition of the human remains (including steps in preparation, autopsy, embalming, dressing, viewing, videotaping, photographing, funeral, disposition merchandise, and disposition arrangements).

[Statutory Authority: RCW 68.05.105 and 18.39.175. WSR 20-09-031, § 308-48-040, filed 4/6/20, effective 5/7/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175 and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 07-03-027, § 308-48-040, filed 1/5/07, effective 2/5/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175(4). WSR 02-19-019, § 308-48-040, filed 9/9/02, effective 10/10/02; Rule 4, filed 9/17/64.]

WAC 308-48-050 Confidentiality. No licensee will divulge any information as to illness, cause of death, financial affairs or transactions, and any other information customarily considered confidential, obtained while serving in such licensed capacity.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 68.05.105 and 18.39.175. WSR 20-09-031, § 308-48-050, filed 4/6/20, effective 5/7/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175(4). WSR 02-19-019, § 308-48-050, filed 9/9/02, effective 10/10/02; Rule 5, filed 9/17/64.]

WAC 308-48-060 Against concealment of crime. (1) No licensee will remove, embalm, or perform other preparation of a human remains when they have information indicating crime or violence in connection with the cause of death, until permission is obtained from a coroner, medical examiner or other qualified official.

(2) Any licensee having or obtaining, as a result of providing services, any information in relation to a possible crime must communicate such information to a properly qualified official.

(3) No licensee will perform any act knowing that it will conceal evidence of crime.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 68.05.105 and 18.39.175. WSR 20-09-031, § 308-48-060, filed 4/6/20, effective 5/7/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175(4). WSR 02-19-019, § 308-48-060, filed 9/9/02, effective 10/10/02; WSR 86-15-022 (Order PM 604), § 308-48-060, filed 7/11/86; Rule 6, filed 9/17/64.]

WAC 308-48-075 Display of licenses. (1) A licensee must display a license in each location where they are employed.

(2) If licensed work is provided by an agent at the funeral establishment or branch, a copy of the license will be displayed in each location where the licensed work occurs.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 68.05.105 and 18.39.175. WSR 20-09-031, § 308-48-075, filed 4/6/20, effective 5/7/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175(4). WSR 87-11-063 (Order PM 652), § 308-48-075, filed 5/20/87.]

WAC 308-48-080 Improper use of license. No licensee shall lend, place, permit or authorize the placement of their license in any establishment or place of business unless the licensee is an owner, part owner or bona fide employee of such place of business, nor shall a funeral establishment or place of business to pretend or represent that it is legally qualified to perform funeral directing or embalming by any such improper use of their license.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 68.05.105 and 18.39.175. WSR 20-09-031, § 308-48-080, filed 4/6/20, effective 5/7/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175 and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 07-03-027, § 308-48-080, filed 1/5/07, effective 2/5/07; Rule 8, filed 9/17/64.]

WAC 308-48-085 Funeral establishments and branch establishments

—Inspections. (1) Funeral establishments and branch establishments licensed under the provisions of chapter 18.39 RCW will be inspected at least once each year by the duly appointed department inspector.

(2) Inspections shall cover compliance with applicable statutes and rules. Funeral establishments and branch establishments will be open for inspection during normal business hours. If the establishment or branch establishment is not open, the ownership must identify someone to the department that can open the establishment or branch establishment for an unannounced inspection, or provide a method of access to the inspector.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 68.05.105 and 18.39.175. WSR 20-09-031, § 308-48-085, filed 4/6/20, effective 5/7/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175(4). WSR 02-19-019, § 308-48-085, filed 9/9/02, effective 10/10/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.157(4) [18.39.175(4)]. WSR 88-08-015 (Order PM 716), § 308-48-085, filed 3/28/88; Order PL 273, § 308-48-085, filed 8/1/77.]

WAC 308-48-132 Funeral director licensure requirements.

An applicant for a license as a funeral director shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) Be at least eighteen years of age;
- (2) Complete the following education requirements at an accredited institution approved by the board:
 - (a) Obtain an associate of arts degree in mortuary science; or
 - (b) Complete two years of college course work as follows:
 - (i) Obtain sixty semester credits or ninety quarter credits of college-level instruction with a minimum 2.0 grade point, or a grade of C or better, in courses listed in (b)(ii) of this subsection.
 - (ii) Credits shall include one course in psychology, one in mathematics, two courses in English composition, two courses in social science, and three courses selected from the following subjects: Behavioral sciences, public speaking, counseling, business administration and management, computer science, and first aid.
- (3) Complete a one-year internship with a licensed funeral director; and
- (4) Pass an examination in the funeral arts and an examination in the laws of this state pertaining to the handling, care, transportation, and disposition of human remains and the contents of chapter 18.39 RCW.
- (5) An applicant's military training or experience may satisfy some or all of the education and training requirements for licensure as determined by the board on a case-by-case basis.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 68.05.105 and 18.39.175. WSR 20-09-031, § 308-48-132, filed 4/6/20, effective 5/7/20.]

WAC 308-48-135 Embalmer licensure requirements.

An applicant for a license as an embalmer must meet the following requirements:

- (1) Be at least eighteen years of age.
- (2) (a) Obtain an associate of arts degree in mortuary science; or

(b) Complete a course of instruction in an accredited mortuary science college program and other college courses that total sixty semester hours or ninety quarter hours.

(3) Complete a two-year internship under a licensed embalmer.

(4) Pass an examination in the funeral sciences and an examination in the laws of this state pertaining to the handling, care, transportation, and disposition of human remains, and the contents of chapter 18.39 RCW.

(5) An applicant's military training or experience may satisfy some or all of the education and training requirements for licensure as determined by the board on a case-by-case basis.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 68.05.105 and 18.39.175. WSR 20-09-031, § 308-48-135, filed 4/6/20, effective 5/7/20.]

WAC 308-48-141 Application for examination and reciprocity. (1)

Applicants for initial licensing as a funeral director or embalmer must submit:

(a) An application on a form prescribed by the board.

(b) Official sealed college transcripts.

(c) Official national board or other state board examination scores.

(d) A nonrefundable application fee as defined in WAC 308-48-800.

(2) Applicants seeking reciprocity must submit:

(a) An application on a form prescribed by the board.

(b) Official verification of out-of-state licensure from the out-of-state licensing board.

(c) Official sealed college transcripts, if licensed in another state for a period of less than five years.

(d) A nonrefundable application fee as defined in WAC 308-48-800.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.050, 18.39.175, 43.24.086 and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 09-17-116, § 308-48-141, filed 8/18/09, effective 9/18/09.]

WAC 308-48-142 Licensing examination. (1) The board adopts the

national examination and grading procedure of the International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards (ICFSEB).

(2) All applicants must pass a state law examination. In addition, applicants for funeral director licensing are required to pass an examination in funeral arts. Applicants for embalmer licensing must pass an examination in funeral sciences.

(3) Examination fees must be paid to and collected by the ICFSEB directly.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.050, 18.39.175, 43.24.086 and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 09-17-116, § 308-48-142, filed 8/18/09, effective 9/18/09.]

WAC 308-48-145 Approval of embalming schools and accrediting associations. (1) The board adopts the standards of the American Board of Funeral Service Education, Inc., in approving courses of instruction in embalming schools, pursuant to RCW 18.39.035(2). The board ap-

proves all schools accredited by, and in good standing with, the American Board of Funeral Service Education, Inc.

(2) The board approves associations accrediting schools, colleges or universities providing a two-year college course pursuant to RCW 18.39.045. The board approves of accrediting groups recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. The board adopts the standards of the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

The board may approve other accrediting associations which meet the board's standards. It is the responsibility of an association to apply for approval and of an applicant to ascertain whether or not a school, college or university has been accredited by an association approved by the board.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175(4). WSR 02-19-019, § 308-48-145, filed 9/9/02, effective 10/10/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175(4), 18.39.035(2) and 18.39.045. WSR 84-11-059 (Order PL 468), § 308-48-145, filed 5/18/84.]

WAC 308-48-150 Course of training—Funeral director intern. (1)

For the purposes of RCW 18.39.035, the term "one year course of training" shall include assisting a licensed funeral director in coordinating all aspects of at least twenty-five arrangements for funeral, memorial and/or final disposition services for human remains.

(2) The term "one year" shall consist of at least eighteen hundred hours of employment and cannot be completed in a period of time less than one calendar year.

(3) Registered funeral director interns shall provide a quarterly report to the board on a form supplied by the board containing information relating to the arrangements, services, final dispositions, and other duties of a funeral director the intern has assisted with or performed during the required term of internship.

(4) Licensed sponsors shall provide a quarterly report to the board on a form supplied by the board showing the progress of the intern toward the skill level required to work independently.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175 and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 07-18-030, § 308-48-150, filed 8/28/07, effective 9/28/07; WSR 07-03-027, § 308-48-150, filed 1/5/07, effective 2/5/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175(4). WSR 97-21-062, § 308-48-150, filed 10/14/97, effective 11/14/97; WSR 86-15-022 (Order PM 604), § 308-48-150, filed 7/11/86; Order PL-259, § 308-48-150, filed 12/7/76; Order PL 122, § 308-48-150, filed 5/9/72.]

WAC 308-48-160 Course of training—Embalmer interns. (1)

For the purposes of RCW 18.39.035, the term "two year course of training" shall include the embalming of at least twenty-five human remains under the supervision of a licensed embalmer.

(2) The term "two year" shall consist of at least thirty-six hundred hours of employment and cannot be completed in a period of time less than two calendar years.

(3) Registered embalmer interns shall provide a quarterly report to the board on a form supplied by the board containing information relating to the embalmings the intern has assisted with or performed during the required term of internship.

(4) Licensed sponsors shall provide a quarterly report to the board on a form supplied by the board showing the progress of the intern toward the skill level required to work independently.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 68.05.105 and 18.39.175. WSR 20-09-031, § 308-48-160, filed 4/6/20, effective 5/7/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175 and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 07-18-030, § 308-48-160, filed 8/28/07, effective 9/28/07; WSR 07-03-027, § 308-48-160, filed 1/5/07, effective 2/5/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175(4). WSR 97-21-062, § 308-48-160, filed 10/14/97, effective 11/14/97; WSR 86-15-022 (Order PM 604), § 308-48-160, filed 7/11/86; Order PL-259, § 308-48-160, filed 12/7/76; Order PL 122, § 308-48-160, filed 5/9/72.]

WAC 308-48-180 Renewal of licenses—Funeral directors, embalmers, funeral director interns and embalmer interns. (1) The annual license renewal date for embalmers, funeral directors and interns is the licensee's birth date. Individuals making application and fulfilling requirements for initial license and examination will be issued a license, which will expire on their next birth date.

(2) All licensees, with the exception of academic intern, must renew annually.

(3) Before the expiration date of the license, the director will mail a notice of renewal. The licensee must return such notice along with current renewal fees prior to the expiration of the license. Failure to renew the license prior to the expiration date will require payment of a late fee.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 68.05.105 and 18.39.175. WSR 20-09-031, § 308-48-180, filed 4/6/20, effective 5/7/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175 and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 07-03-027, § 308-48-180, filed 1/5/07, effective 2/5/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175(4). WSR 02-19-019, § 308-48-180, filed 9/9/02, effective 10/10/02; Order PL 207, § 308-48-180, filed 11/5/75; Order PL 171, § 308-48-180, filed 5/20/74.]

WAC 308-48-200 Report of internship registration, termination, transfer and credit. (1) The responsibility for notifying the director, department of licensing of internship registration and termination rests with the licensee sponsor. In order to protect the status of the intern in cases where the employing licensee fails to initiate the required report of registration or termination, the affected intern should initiate and ensure submission of same. The notification shall be certified by signature of the sponsor.

(2) No credit for internship will be allowed for any period during which the intern is not registered pursuant to RCW 18.39.120. In the event an intern's sponsor dies or is otherwise incapable of certifying internship credit, such credit may be given by certification by another licensed funeral director or embalmer who has knowledge of the work performed and the credit due or by documentation or reasonable proof of such credit as determined by the board.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 68.05.105 and 18.39.175. WSR 20-09-031, § 308-48-200, filed 4/6/20, effective 5/7/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175 and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 07-03-027, § 308-48-200, filed

1/5/07, effective 2/5/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175(4). WSR 02-19-019, § 308-48-200, filed 9/9/02, effective 10/10/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.120 and 18.39.175. WSR 88-01-024 (Order PM 697), § 308-48-200, filed 12/9/87. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175. WSR 83-04-020 (Order PL 419), § 308-48-200, filed 1/26/83; Order PL-249, § 308-48-200, filed 5/21/76.]

WAC 308-48-205 Abandoned licensure applications. If a licensing applicant fails to complete the licensing process and their records show no activity for six consecutive years, the board will consider the application abandoned. No activity includes, but is not limited to:

(1) Failure to submit the required documents within six consecutive years from the receipt of the most recent information submitted.

(2) Failure to provide the board with any written communication during six consecutive years indicating the applicant is attempting to complete the licensing process.

(3) If the application is considered abandoned, it may be archived or destroyed, and the applicant will be required to reapply for licensure and comply with the licensing requirements in effect at the time of reapplication.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 68.05.105 and 18.39.175. WSR 20-09-031, § 308-48-205, filed 4/6/20, effective 5/7/20.]

WAC 308-48-210 Establishment licensure. (1) Any provider of any aspect of the care, shelter, transportation, embalming, other preparation and arrangements for the disposition of human remains must be licensed as a funeral establishment. Establishments must obtain a funeral establishment or branch license for each location.

(2) The establishment license requirement does not apply to a facility whose sole function is to perform reduction of human remains.

(3) Branches of an establishment may operate under the general license of the establishment, pursuant to RCW 18.39.145 and 18.39.148 and the following terms and conditions:

(a) Branch(es) must operate under the same name as the establishment.

(b) Branch(es) must display a current branch license.

(c) Branch(es) must have a licensed funeral director in its employ and available to provide any services requiring the professional skills of a licensee.

(d) The failure of a branch to meet the standards of an establishment may result in cancellation of the establishment license, pursuant to RCW 18.39.148.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 68.05.105 and 18.39.175. WSR 20-09-031, § 308-48-210, filed 4/6/20, effective 5/7/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175 and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 07-03-027, § 308-48-210, filed 1/5/07, effective 2/5/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175(4). WSR 02-19-019, § 308-48-210, filed 9/9/02, effective 10/10/02; WSR 87-11-063 (Order PM 652), § 308-48-210, filed 5/20/87.]

WAC 308-48-220 Designated funeral directors—Qualifications and responsibilities. (1) For the purposes of RCW 18.39.145 each funeral establishment and branch establishment must employ a designated funeral director. The designated funeral director must:

(a) Have a minimum of one year of practical experience as a licensed funeral director in the state of Washington.

(b) Be involved in the execution of the daily activities of the business.

(c) Complete and submit the designated funeral director form when beginning and leaving the position of designated funeral director.

(2) The designated funeral director may be held responsible for the funeral establishment's compliance with state law or other regulation affecting the handling, custody, care, transportation, or disposition of human remains.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 68.05.105 and 18.39.175. WSR 20-09-031, § 308-48-220, filed 4/6/20, effective 5/7/20.]

WAC 308-48-530 Continuing education requirements. To meet the statutory continuing education requirement for renewing licenses for funeral directors, embalmers, funeral director interns and embalmer interns, the board requires the following:

(1) To maintain active practice, licensees must accumulate five hours of continuing education hours (CE) for the upcoming one year renewal period.

(a) The five hours of CE must include one hour of OSHA/WISHA training.

(b) Credits in excess of five hours cannot be carried forward to another renewal period.

(2) The CE accumulated is subject to audit by the board.

(3) Licensees are responsible to seek out qualifying CE that can be demonstrated to the board as relevant to professional development.

(a) Activities are not preapproved by the board.

(b) Activities must be relevant to the practice of funeral directing (for licensed funeral directors and funeral director interns) or embalming (for licensed embalmers and embalmer interns) and may include technical, ethical, or managerial content.

(c) All activities must have a clear purpose and objective that will maintain, improve, or expand skills and knowledge relevant to the practice of the profession(s).

(4) The board is the final authority with respect to claimed CE and the respective CE credit.

(5) The CE becomes eligible for credit upon completion of the given activity.

(6) Licensees must maintain the records of the CE and have the records available for inspection at their place of employment. The records must include the date of the activity, the provider's name, a description of activity and the number of CE hours.

(7) Licensees must keep their records for the cumulative time in the current renewal period plus the two years before the last renewal (three years total).

(8) By renewing a professional funeral director license, embalmer license, funeral director intern license or embalmer intern license, the licensee attests they have completed the required continuing education for that renewal period.

(9) The board will audit a random sample of licensees yearly. If a licensee is selected for an audit, the board will provide instructions about how to respond.

(10) Licensees may face disciplinary action for failing to complete the continuing education requirement or falsifying CE records.

(11) If an audit disqualifies credits that a licensee reported to the board and results in them failing to complete the CE requirements, the board may require the shortage to be made up over a period of time established by the board.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 68.05.105 and 18.39.175. WSR 20-09-031, § 308-48-530, filed 4/6/20, effective 5/7/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175 and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 07-03-027, § 308-48-530, filed 1/5/07, effective 2/5/07. Statutory Authority: 1984 c 279 § 53(b). WSR 85-01-077 (Order PL 504), § 308-48-530, filed 12/19/84.]

WAC 308-48-540 Continuing education requirement to reinstate lapsed license. Any person seeking to reinstate a license which has lapsed for less than one year must comply with the continuing education requirements for regular renewal of the license. Any person seeking to reinstate a license which has lapsed for one year or longer must present satisfactory evidence of having completed at least five hours of approved continuing education activities for the period prior to their reinstatement.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 68.05.105 and 18.39.175. WSR 20-09-031, § 308-48-540, filed 4/6/20, effective 5/7/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175(7). WSR 90-24-056, § 308-48-540, filed 12/3/90, effective 1/3/91. Statutory Authority: 1984 c 279 § 53(b). WSR 85-01-077 (Order PL 504), § 308-48-540, filed 12/19/84.]

WAC 308-48-570 Continuing education discretionary exception for emergency situation. In emergency situations, such as personal or family sickness, the funeral and cemetery board may waive, for good cause shown, all or part of the continuing education requirement for a renewal period for an individual licensee. The board will require such verification of the emergency as is necessary to prove its existence.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 68.05.105 and 18.39.175. WSR 20-09-031, § 308-48-570, filed 4/6/20, effective 5/7/20. Statutory Authority: 1984 c 279 § 53(b). WSR 85-01-077 (Order PL 504), § 308-48-570, filed 12/19/84.]

WAC 308-48-580 Transfer of ownership or control—New licenses required. A new license must be obtained following the sale or transfer of ownership or a controlling interest in a cemetery authority, reduction facility, funeral establishment, or branch establishment. All licenses are nontransferable.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 68.05.105 and 18.39.175. WSR 20-09-031, § 308-48-580, filed 4/6/20, effective 5/7/20. Statutory Authority: 1984 c 279 § 53(b). WSR 85-01-077 (Order PL 504), § 308-48-580, filed 12/19/84.]

WAC 308-48-800 Fees. (1) Funeral fees.

Title of Fee	Fee
Embalmer:	
State examination application	\$135.00
Renewal	203.00
Late renewal fee	47.00
License print fee	5.00
Embalmer intern:	
Intern application	182.00
Application for examination	100.00
Intern renewal	135.00
Late renewal fee	47.00
License print fee	5.00
Funeral director:	
State examination application	135.00
Renewal	203.00
Late renewal fee	47.00
License print fee	5.00
Funeral director intern:	
Intern application	182.00
Application for examination	100.00
Intern renewal	135.00
Late renewal fee	47.00
License print fee	5.00
Funeral establishment:	
Original application	540.00
Renewal	439.00
Branch license	473.00
Branch renewal	439.00
Preneed application	338.00
Preneed renewal	304.00
License print fee	5.00
Academic intern	No fee
Certificate of removal license:	
Application	41.00
Renewal	25.00
Retired status certificate	No fee

(2) Cemetery fees.

Title of Fee	Fee
Certificate of authority:	
Application	\$405.00
License print fee	5.00
Renewal:	8.37
Charge per each interment, entombment and inurnment during preceding calendar year collected at renewal or change of ownership	
Prearrangement sales license	

Title of Fee	Fee
Application	338.00
Renewal	304.00
Exemption from prearrangement sales license	
Application	95.00
Renewal	47.00
Disposition permit for human remains following cremation, alkaline hydrolysis, or natural organic reduction	
Application	95.00
Renewal	47.00

(3) Reduction facility fees.

Title of Fee	Fee
Crematory license application	\$284.00
Alkaline hydrolysis license application	284.00
Natural organic reduction license application	284.00
License print fee	5.00
Renewal:	10.80
Regulatory fee for crematories, alkaline hydrolysis facilities, and natural organic reduction facilities collected at time of renewal per cremation, hydrolysis, or natural organic reduction performed during previous calendar year	
Crematory operator license:	
Application	182.00
Renewal	135.00
Alkaline hydrolysis operator license:	
Application	182.00
Renewal	135.00
Natural organic reduction facility operator license:	
Application	182.00
Renewal	135.00

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.24.086. WSR 22-22-012, § 308-48-800, filed 10/20/22, effective 11/22/22. Statutory Authority: RCW 68.05.105 and 18.39.175. WSR 20-09-031, § 308-48-800, filed 4/6/20, effective 5/7/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 68.05.205, 18.39.050, and 43.24.086. WSR 14-24-067, § 308-48-800, filed 11/26/14, effective 1/1/15. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.050 and 18.39.175, chapter 34.05 RCW and RCW 43.24.086. WSR 10-24-046, § 308-48-800, filed 11/24/10, effective 1/1/11; WSR 09-17-116, § 308-48-800, filed 8/18/09, effective 9/18/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175 and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 07-18-030, § 308-48-800, filed 8/28/07, effective 9/28/07; WSR 07-03-027, § 308-48-800, filed 1/5/07, effective 2/5/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.181 and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 05-20-076, § 308-48-800, filed 10/4/05, effective 11/4/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.050. WSR 03-11-021, § 308-48-800, filed 5/12/03, effective

6/30/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.181. WSR 99-16-040, § 308-48-800, filed 7/29/99, effective 8/29/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175(4). WSR 98-21-056, § 308-48-800, filed 10/19/98, effective 11/19/98; WSR 91-11-023, § 308-48-800, filed 5/7/91, effective 6/7/91; WSR 91-01-006, § 308-48-800, filed 12/6/90, effective 1/6/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.24.086. WSR 90-07-024, § 308-48-800, filed 3/14/90, effective 4/14/90; WSR 87-10-028 (Order PM 650), § 308-48-800, filed 5/1/87.]

WAC 308-48-840 Funeral director and embalmer interns. (1) A license as a funeral director intern or embalmer intern shall not exceed a time period of five years cumulative. Following completion of the internship program:

(a) The license for internship will not be renewed.

(b) The intern must qualify for licensure as a funeral director, embalmer or funeral director and embalmer.

(2) Interns must be eighteen years of age and registered under the sponsorship and supervision of a licensed funeral director, embalmer or funeral director and embalmer.

(3) Interns whose job duties require that they perform work at multiple funeral establishment locations may do so and receive training from their sponsor and other licensees as approved by the sponsor.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 68.05.105 and 18.39.175. WSR 20-09-031, § 308-48-840, filed 4/6/20, effective 5/7/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175 and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 07-18-030, § 308-48-840, filed 8/28/07, effective 9/28/07.]

WAC 308-48-850 Intern sponsors—Qualifications, limitations and responsibilities. Licensees who supervise interns:

(1) Must be working and located in the same licensed establishment as the intern, provided: Sponsors may permit interns to perform work at branch establishment locations if required by their job duties.

(2) Each sponsor can supervise a maximum of three interns.

(3) Sponsors of funeral director interns must have a minimum of one year of practical experience as a licensed funeral director in the state of Washington.

(4) Sponsors of embalmer interns must have a minimum of one year of practical experience as a licensed embalmer in the state of Washington.

(5) Sponsors are responsible for work performed by interns registered under the supervision of the sponsor.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 68.05.105 and 18.39.175. WSR 20-09-031, § 308-48-850, filed 4/6/20, effective 5/7/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175 and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 07-18-030, § 308-48-850, filed 8/28/07, effective 9/28/07.]

WAC 308-48-870 Leave of absence—Interns. A leave of absence from internship requirements may be granted by the board with the following provisions:

(1) The intern submits an appeal to the board for a leave of absence.

(2) The intern is enlisted in military service of the United States or called to active duty in the United States armed forces and resumes internship within one year of release from military service.

(3) The intern is enrolled as a full-time student in a funeral service education program accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education (ABFSE).

(4) The board reserves the right to make a determination to waive internship requirements for extenuating circumstances.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 68.05.105 and 18.39.175. WSR 20-09-031, § 308-48-870, filed 4/6/20, effective 5/7/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175 and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 07-18-030, § 308-48-870, filed 8/28/07, effective 9/28/07.]

WAC 308-48-880 Transportation of human remains. (1) Transportation of human remains may be performed by unlicensed persons who are employed by licensed funeral establishments in accordance with WAC 246-500-040.

(2) A business established for the sole purpose of removals and/or transportation of human remains is required to obtain a funeral establishment license in accordance with RCW 18.39.145.

(3) All transportation of human remains shall be in accordance with chapter 246-500 WAC and RCW 70.58.230.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 68.05.105 and 18.39.175. WSR 20-09-031, § 308-48-880, filed 4/6/20, effective 5/7/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.39.175 and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 07-18-030, § 308-48-880, filed 8/28/07, effective 9/28/07.]