

**WAC 246-14-010 Intent.** These rules establish basic time periods for processing and resolving complaints against credentialed health care providers and applicants. The rules also provide enforcement mechanisms to ensure timely disposition of complaints and adjudicative proceedings. The department of health does not anticipate that the basic time period will be used in all cases. These rules are adopted as required by RCW 18.130.095(1). The intent is to promote timely protection of the public and fairness to credential holders, applicants, and complainants, without sacrificing public safety.

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