

WSR 24-11-116

PERMANENT RULES

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

(Board of Physical Therapy)

[Filed May 20, 2024, 4:12 p.m., effective May 20, 2024, 4:12 p.m.]

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately upon filing.

Other Findings Required by Other Provisions of Law as Precondition to Adoption or Effectiveness of Rule: RCW 18.74.500, Article IX(2) mandates the board of physical therapy (board) adopt the physical therapy compact commission rules in order for physical therapists to participate in the compact. Immediate adoption is necessary to be compliant with the compact commission's revised rules that became effective June 27, 2023.

Purpose: Physical therapy licensure compact; updating the reference date to the most recent physical therapy compact commission licensure rules. The board has updated WAC 246-915A-010 to comply with RCW 18.74.500, Article IX(2), which mandates that the board adopt the most recent version of the compact commission rules to participate in the compact in the state of Washington.

The purpose of the adopted amendment is to update the effective date in rule to June 27, 2023, which is the most recent version of the compact commission rules, and to update a web address that is referenced in rule. The physical therapy compact commission rules, effective June 27, 2023, made the following minor changes to the compact rules:

(1) Updates to match the model compact language.

(2) Add a definition of "board administrator" to mean an individual serving as administrative staff to a member state's physical therapy licensing board.

(3) Add new rule 4.2 to make a technical correction to the citation for "active duty military" in section 2 of the model statute.

The adopted changes to WAC 246-915A-010 comply with the statute by incorporating by reference the compact commission's rules as of June 27, 2023, and make a necessary update to a web address.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 246-915A-010.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 18.74.023 and 18.74.500, Article IX(2).

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 24-04-082 on February 5, 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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

Date Adopted: May 13, 2024

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 23-09-068, filed 4/19/23, effective 4/19/23)

WAC 246-915A-010 Physical therapy licensure compact—Compact commission rules. (1) The physical therapy licensure compact (compact) is established in Washington under RCW 18.74.500. Its purpose is to facilitate interstate practice of physical therapy with the goal of improving public access to physical therapy services.

(2) The rules of the physical therapy compact commission, in effect as of (~~October 30, 2022~~) June 27, 2023, are adopted and incorporated by reference.

(3) A copy of the rules is available for public inspection from the department of health at [https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/PhysicalTherapyLicensureCompact\(~~/RulesInProgress~~\)](https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/PhysicalTherapyLicensureCompact(/RulesInProgress)) or by calling the department of health's office of customer service at 360-236-4700.

(4) A licensee may exercise a compact privilege as provided in RCW 18.74.500, Article IV. Applicable fees are set forth in WAC 246-915A-990.