

WSR 24-22-042

PERMANENT RULES

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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

Purpose: This rule-making order amends chapter 16-674 WAC, Weights and measures—Exemptions, weighmasters and device registration, by clarifying current rule language by replacing all gender-specific pronouns with modern gender-inclusive pronouns.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 16-674-030 and 16-674-055.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 19.94.010, 43.01.160.

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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 2, Repealed 0.

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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 2, Repealed 0.

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 08-20-070, filed 9/25/08, effective 10/26/08)

**WAC 16-674-030 Weighmaster license issuance, expiration and fees.**

(1) Weighmaster licenses issued under RCW 15.80.460 shall expire on June 30th following the date of issuance.

(2) Upon expiration, suspension or revocation of the license, the weighmaster must surrender their impression seal to the director or ~~((his/her))~~ the director's representative within ~~((ten))~~ 10 days if they do not renew their license, if their license is suspended or if their license is revoked. The seal may be surrendered by sending the seal to the department or by surrendering the seal to the director or ~~((his/her))~~ the director's duly appointed representative.

(3) Businesses or individuals applying to renew their license or applying for their initial license with the department must have a current bond in the amount specified in RCW 15.80.480 and that bond must remain in force and effect for not less than the entire licensing period.

(4) Weighing and measuring devices used by weighmasters are considered to be in commercial use and must be registered. Registrations

are accomplished through the department of licensing as part of the master license service under chapter 19.02 RCW.

(5) Proof of a scale test within the last (~~twelve~~) 12 months must be submitted with the application.

(6) Applications must be submitted with the proper fees as specified in chapter 15.80 RCW.

(7) Applications received without subsections (3), (4), (5) and (6) of this section will be considered incomplete applications and will be returned to the applicant.

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**WAC 16-674-055 Weighing and measuring devices.** (1) Weighing and measuring devices used by weighmasters must meet all legal requirements for commercial weighing and measuring devices.

(2) Weighmaster scales must be tested not less than every (~~twelve~~) 12 months and must conform to the tolerances and specifications in the edition of NIST Handbook 44, "*Specifications, Tolerances, and Other Technical Requirements for Weighing and Measuring Devices*," adopted by the department in chapter 16-662 WAC. Inspections must be performed by either service agents registered with the department or by the department. The department is under no obligation to provide this inspection service.

(3) A legible copy of the current scale inspection and current master business license must be maintained at the same site as the scale and must be immediately made available to the director or (~~his~~) the director's representative upon request.