

# Title 131 WAC

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**WAC 131-08-005 General description of state board organization and operations.** (1) The state board for community college education consists of seven members appointed by the governor. Successors of the members initially appointed serve for terms of four years.

(2) The executive officer and secretary of the board is the director of the state system of community colleges. He is in charge of the offices of the board and responsible to the board for the preparation of reports and the collection and dissemination of data and other public information relating to the state system of community colleges. He exercises, in the name of the board, all powers and duties delegated to him by the board and at the direction of the board executes, together with the chairman of the board, all contracts entered into by the board.

(3) It is the board's duty to exercise general supervision and control over the state system of community colleges consistent with the specific powers and duties set forth in the Community College Act of 1967, chapter 28B.50 RCW.

(4) The board's office is located in Olympia, Washington, 319 Seventh Avenue, 98504.

(5) Information about specific meeting places and times may be obtained at the board office. Formal submission or requests to the state board should be addressed to the director at the Olympia office.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 34.04.020. 81-01-079 (Order 84, Resolution No. 80-61), § 131-08-005, filed 12/17/80. Statutory Authority: RCW 28.50.070 [28B.50.070] and 42.30.075. 79-12-070 (Order 78, Resolution No. 79-42), § 131-08-005, filed 11/30/79. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.50.070. 78-07-063 (Order 72, Resolution No. 78-31), § 131-08-005, filed 6/30/78; Order 61, § 131-08-005, filed 7/8/77; Order 59, § 131-08-005, filed 7/6/76; Order 52, § 131-08-005, filed 1/9/76; Order 40, § 131-08-005, filed 6/27/75; Order 33, § 131-08-005, filed 11/14/74; Order 19, § 131-08-005, filed 7/2/73; Order 3, § 131-08-005, filed 6/19/69.]

**WAC 131-08-007 Presentations to state board.** Any interested individual or organization, upon written request to and receipt by the state board office at least two weeks in advance of the next scheduled board meeting, may request that any relevant matter concerning the state community college system be placed on the board meeting agenda. The chairman or the director of the state board may, however, waive this two week notification procedure, if in the judgment of either, sufficient emergency exists.

The following format shall be used by individuals or organizations in making their request for additions to the board meeting agenda:

- (1) Title of the item to be considered;

(2) A brief descriptive background which includes relevant facts and documentary evidence, including written materials, personal interviews, expert testimony or matters of record;

(3) Identification of the requesting party, including relevant organizational affiliations and job titles.

It shall be the prerogative of the board not to take any action on matters that come before the board pursuant to this rule.

In the case of presentations to the board on behalf of organizations, special interest groups, and other multi-member bodies, testimony shall normally be limited to one individual representative.

In the case of all presentations, the board reserves the right, without notice, to limit the length of any particular presentation or to reschedule presentations when, in its judgment, the demands of public business before the board necessitate making such limitations.

It is the intent of the state board that procedures set forth in this regulation shall be liberally interpreted to the end that all interested citizens and organized groups shall be able to address the board on any matter relevant to its responsibilities and duties in the operations of Washington's community college system. Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this section, impromptu comments or questions by members of the public or organization representative may be presented at any meeting of the board consistent with the provisions of chapter 42.30 RCW, the Open Public Meetings Act.

In the case of adoption, amendment or repeal of rules, which are subject to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, chapter 34.04 RCW, the provisions of that chapter regarding the presentation of data, views or arguments shall govern.

[Order 60, § 131-08-007, filed 11/1/76; Order 3, § 131-08-007, filed 6/19/69.]

**WAC 131-08-008 Special meetings of the state board.** Special meetings of the state board may be called by the chairman or by a majority of the members of the state board by delivery personally or by mail written notice to each member at least twenty-four hours before the time of such meeting. Such notice shall specify the time and place of the special meeting and the business to be transacted. Final disposition shall not be taken on any other matter at such meetings. Notice of such special meetings also shall be provided twenty-four hours prior to such meetings to each local newspaper of general circulation and to each local radio and television station which has on file with the state board a written request to be notified of such special meetings or of all meetings of the state board.

[Order 41, § 131-08-008, filed 6/27/75.]

**WAC 131-08-010 Regular meetings of the state board.** The time and place of the regular meetings of the state board for calendar year 1990 are:

January 31-  
February 1 Pierce College, Tacoma

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March 21-22 Seattle Central Community College,  
Seattle  
May 9-10 Wenatchee Valley College,  
Wenatchee  
June 20-21 Everett Community College,  
Everett  
September 12-13 Bellevue Community College,  
Bellevue  
October 24-25 Skagit Valley Community College,  
Mount Vernon  
December 5-6 North Seattle Community,  
Seattle

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.50.070 and 42.30.075. 89-22-063 (Order 117), § 131-08-010, filed 10/31/89, effective 12/1/89; 88-24-043 (Order 115, Resolution No. 88-37), § 131-08-010, filed 12/7/88; 88-01-008 (Order 114, Resolution No. 87-51), § 131-08-010, filed 12/4/87; 87-04-025 (Order 113, Resolution No. 87-1), § 131-08-010, filed 1/28/87; 86-05-004 (Order 106, Resolution No. 86-1), § 131-08-010, filed 2/7/86.]

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**WAC 131-12-010 Minimum standards for admission to a community college.** Any applicant for admission to a community college shall be admitted when, as determined by the chief administrative officer of the district or his authorized representative, such applicant:

(1) Is competent to profit from the curricular offerings of the college; and

(2) Would not, by his presence or conduct, create a disruptive atmosphere within the community college inconsistent with the purposes of the institution; and

(3) Is eighteen years of age or older or who is a graduate of a high school or whose application, if under eighteen years of age and not a graduate of a high school, has been approved, insofar as acquisition of approval is feasible, by the principal of the high school he is attending or which he last attended: *Provided*, That an applicant transferring from another institution of higher education who meets the above criteria, but who is not in good standing at the time of his transfer may be conditionally admitted to a community college on a probationary status as determined by the chief administrative officer of the community college district or his authorized representative.

[Order 3, § 131-12-010, filed 6/19/69.]

**WAC 131-12-020 Definition of resident student and procedures for classification.** For tuition purposes, an applicant or enrolled student shall be deemed to be a resident student if he has been domiciled in the state of Washington for a full year prior to commencement of the quarter for which he applies or is enrolled, or he is a federal employee, military personnel, or a staff member of the community college, or the child or spouse of such federal employee or military personnel residing within the state or of a staff member of the community college. The definition of "domicile" shall be the legal definition.

The following procedures shall be followed by community colleges in making residency classifications:

(1) Upon receipt of an application for admission to the community college the applicant shall be classified as either a resident or nonresident as the facts may indicate.

(2) The notice of acceptance shall be accompanied by a statement of the applicant's residency classification and, in the case of those classified as nonresidents, a statement of the criteria and procedures to be followed for establishing resident status.

(3) Changes in residency classifications of applicants or enrolled students shall be made by the authorized college official as follows:

(a) In the case of applicants or enrolled students who have been classified as nonresident, upon presentation by the applicant or student or an authorized representative of sufficient proof that the applicant or enrolled student has been legally domiciled in the state of Washington for one year, or is a federal employee, military personnel, or a staff member of the community college, or the child or spouse of a federal employee or military personnel residing within the state or of a staff member of the community college; and

(b) In the case of applicants or enrolled students who have been classified as residents, upon presentation or discovery of proof that such individual is legally domiciled outside the state of Washington.

(4) In the event of dispute or question regarding the residency status of any applicant or enrolled student, the matter shall be referred to the office of attorney general for advice.

[Order 3, § 131-12-020, filed 6/19/69.]

**WAC 131-12-030 Districts authorized to restrict enrollment in classes, courses or programs.** A community college district may establish:

(1) Enrollment limits for any class, course or program when such restrictions are necessary because of limitations of physical facilities or operating funds or when such restrictions are consistent with generally accepted educational practices regarding efficient maximum class sizes.

(2) Reasonable prerequisites for enrollment in any class, course or program to insure that a student will profit or benefit from the particular class, course or program.

[Order 3, § 131-12-030, filed 6/19/69.]

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**WAC 131-12-040 Districts shall establish rules allowing intercampus and intercollege enrollment.** Community college districts that offer instruction in more than one location shall establish reasonable rules and procedures that will allow intercampus and intercollege enrollment of students without penalty or additional cost above the normal tuition, special fees, and incidental fees charged by the district for attendance at any single campus or college therein.

[Order 3, § 131-12-040, filed 6/19/69.]

**WAC 131-12-041 Interdistrict registration of students.** Pursuant to authority granted in chapter 28B.50 RCW, the following regulations shall be observed by the college districts in the interdistrict enrollment of students without the payment of additional tuition and fees as required by RCW 28B.15.500.

(1) Interdistrict registration shall mean the concurrent enrollment of a student in community colleges operated by two or more community college districts.

(2) Interdistrict registration shall occur only on the basis of a specific agreement between the two or more colleges.

(3) If the student registers and pays (including loans, grants, waivers, and other forms of financial aid) the maximum tuition and fees in one college, a second college may allow such student to register for additional courses without payment of additional fees provided that the courses will not be offered by the first college in a manner that will enable the student to complete his program in a timely manner.

(4) If the student so enrolled under this interdistrict registration provision has paid less than the maximum amount of tuition and fees required by RCW 28B.15.500, the second college shall assess tuition and fees at the standard rate for the course registrations in that college up to that maximum. Withdrawal from the college or reduction of course load in the college of initial registration shall invalidate any cost-free registration at a second college unless the appropriate additional tuition and fees are paid.

(5) Students enrolled in a second college under the provisions of this regulation shall be required to comply with the regular registration procedure of such second college and shall be required to pay any additional special fees—such as laboratory, supply, use or records fees normally charged to students enrolled at that college.

[Order 23, § 131-12-041, filed 12/18/73.]

**WAC 131-12-050 Rules defining student rights and responsibilities required to be adopted.** In order that each student attending a community college is assured of substantive and procedural due process of the law, each community college district shall promulgate, adopt and publish rules defining and establishing student rights and responsibilities, including but not limited to the following subject areas:

(1) Admission requirements;

(2) Freedom of expression, petition, press, assembly and association;

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(3) Use and maintenance of records and campus facilities;

(4) Disciplinary hearing and appeal procedures; and

(5) Disciplinary sanctions.

[Order 5, § 131-12-050, filed 12/12/69.]

**WAC 131-12-060 Student involvement in the promulgation, amendment and revocation of rules.** Each community college district shall involve students in the promulgation, amendment and revocation of rules defining and establishing student rights and responsibilities. The minimum involvement which shall be afforded students, except in emergencies, shall consist of a reasonable opportunity to review and express opinions regarding the proposed exercise of the community college's rule-making authority.

[Order 5, § 131-12-060, filed 12/12/69.]

**WAC 131-12-070 Deadline for compliance and filing with director.** Each community college district shall comply with WAC 131-12-050 no later than the last day of the 1970 spring quarter and file all rules defining and establishing student rights and responsibilities, including all amendments and revocations thereof, with the director of the state board for community college education.

[Order 5, § 131-12-070, filed 12/12/69.]

### Chapter 131-16 WAC

#### FACULTY AND STAFF PERSONNEL

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#### DISPOSITION OF SECTIONS FORMERLY CODIFIED IN THIS CHAPTER

131-16-090	Additional qualification in areas of specialization. [Order 5, § 131-16-090, filed 12/12/69.] Repealed by Order 22, filed 11/27/73.
131-16-300	Salary increase for noncivil service personnel. [Order 27, § 131-16-300, filed 8/1/74.] Repealed by Order 54, filed 4/2/76.
131-16-310	Preamble. [Order 49, § 131-16-310, filed 9/12/75.] Repealed by Order 54, filed 4/2/76.
131-16-315	Specific legislative appropriations for salary increases. [Order 49, § 131-16-315, filed 9/12/75.] Repealed by Order 54, filed 4/2/76.
131-16-320	Standards related to salary increases. [Order 49, § 131-16-320, filed 9/12/75.] Repealed by Order 54, filed 4/2/76.
131-16-325	Legal authorization for review of district budgets. [Order 49, § 131-16-325, filed 9/12/75.] Repealed by Order 54, filed 4/2/76.
131-16-330	Ratification of administrative memorandum. [Order 49, § 131-16-330, filed 9/12/75.] Repealed by Order 54, filed 4/2/76.
131-16-335	Delegation of authority to review and revise budgets. [Order 49, § 131-16-335, filed 9/12/75.] Repealed by Order 54, filed 4/2/76.
131-16-340	Criteria for calculating allowable salary increase funds. [Order 49, § 131-16-340, filed 9/12/75.] Repealed by Order 54, filed 4/2/76.
131-16-410	Optional salary increases for faculty and exempt personnel of certain community colleges. [Statutory Authority: 1977 ex.s. c 339, 78-06-057 (Order 69, Resolution 78-22), § 131-16-410, filed 5/24/78; Order 66, § 131-16-410, filed 9/13/77.] Repealed by 79-12-071 (Order 79 and 81, Resolution 79-43 and 79-46), filed 11/30/79. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.50.090.

**WAC 131-16-005 Mandatory retirement age defined.** The mandatory retirement age for employees of community college districts or the state board for community college education shall be defined as the end of the academic year in which an employee attains age seventy; however, when officially approved by the district board of trustees, or by the state board in the case of its employees, extension of service beyond the mandatory retirement age may be made pursuant to the provisions of RCW 28B.10.420.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.10.400, 85-19-056 (Order 103, Resolution No. 85-25), § 131-16-005, filed 9/16/85. Statutory Authority: 1979 ex.s. c 159, 79-10-020 (Order 77, Resolution 79-30), § 131-16-005, filed 9/10/79; Order 28, § 131-16-005, filed 7/1/74.]

**WAC 131-16-010 Designation of community college system retirement plan.** There is hereby established for the eligible employees of the community colleges of the state of Washington, a retirement plan which shall entitle such employees to purchase retirement annuities from the teachers' insurance annuity association (TIAA) and the college retirement equities fund (CREF), hereafter called the TIAA/CREF plan, in conjunction with the employing community college district as provided in regulations approved pursuant to this policy.

[Order 28, § 131-16-010, filed 7/1/74; Order 4, § 131-16-010, filed 10/22/69.]

**WAC 131-16-011 Definitions.** For the purpose of WAC 131-16-005 through 131-16-069, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) "Participant" shall be defined as any individual who is eligible to purchase retirement annuities through the TIAA/CREF plan and whose basic contribution to such plan is matched by the employing college district or the state board for community college education pursuant to the provisions of WAC 131-16-050.

(2) "Supplemental retirement benefit" shall be defined as payments, as calculated in accordance with WAC 131-16-061 and 131-16-062, made by the community college district or the state board to an eligible retired participant or designated beneficiary whose retirement benefits provided by the TIAA/CREF plan do not attain the level of the retirement benefit goal established by WAC 131-16-015.

(3) "Year of full-time service" shall be defined as retirement credit based on full-time employment or the equivalent thereof based on part-time employment in an eligible position for a period of not less than five months in any fiscal year during which TIAA/CREF contributions were made by both the participant and a Washington public higher education institution or any year or fractional year of prior service in a Washington public retirement system while employed at a Washington public higher education institution: *Provided*, The participant will receive a pension benefit from such other retirement system: *And provided further*, That not more than one year of full-time service will be credited for service in any one fiscal year.

(4) "Fiscal year" shall be defined as the period beginning on July 1 of any calendar year and ending on June 30 of the succeeding calendar year.

(5) "Average annual salary" shall be defined as the amount derived when the salary received during the two consecutive highest salaried fiscal years of full-time service for which TIAA/CREF contributions were made by both the participant and a Washington public higher education institution is divided by two.

(6) "TIAA/CREF retirement benefit" shall be defined as the amount of annual retirement income derived from a participant's accumulated annuities including dividends at the time of retirement; provided that, solely for the purpose of calculating a potential supplemental retirement benefit, such amount shall be adjusted to meet the assumptions set forth in WAC 131-16-061(2).

(7) "Salary" shall be defined as all remuneration received by the participant from the employing community college district or the state board, including summer quarter compensation, extra duty pay, leave stipends, and grants made by or through the college district or state board; but not including any severance pay, early retirement incentive payment, remuneration for unused sick or personal leave, or remuneration for unused annual or vacation leave in excess of the amount payable for thirty days or two hundred forty hours of service.

(8) "Designated beneficiary" shall be defined as the surviving spouse of the retiree or, with the consent of such spouse, if any, such other person or persons as shall have an insurable interest in the retiree's life and shall have been nominated by written designation duly executed and filed with the retiree's institution of higher education.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.10.400(3), 86-22-027 (Order 111, Resolution No. 86-43), § 131-16-011, filed 10/30/86. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.10.400, 83-20-042 (Order 95, Resolution No. 83-25), § 131-16-011, filed 9/28/83. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.10.400(3), 82-11-014 (Order 91, Resolution No. 82-6), § 131-16-011, filed 5/10/82. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.10.400, 79-12-069 (Order 80, Resolution No. 79-44), § 131-16-011, filed 11/30/79; Order 28, § 131-16-011, filed 7/1/74.]

**WAC 131-16-015 Retirement benefit goal established.** Subject to the provisions of WAC 131-16-061, the retirement benefit goal for participants in the TIAA/CREF plan is to provide participants at age sixty-five having twenty-five years of service a minimum annual retirement income, exclusive of Federal Old Age Survivors Insurance benefits, equivalent to fifty percent of the average salary for the two consecutive highest salaried fiscal years.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.10.400(3), 82-11-014 (Order 91, Resolution No. 82-6), § 131-16-015, filed 5/10/82; Order 28, § 131-16-015, filed 7/1/74.]

**WAC 131-16-020 Employees eligible to participate in retirement annuity purchase plan.** (1) Classes of employees eligible to participate in the TIAA/CREF plan are:

(a) All employees of community college districts holding probationary or tenured faculty appointments as defined by RCW 28B.50.851.

(b) All employees of community college districts holding administrative appointments as defined by RCW 28B.50.851.

(c) The president of any community college or community college district.

(d) The state director for community college education and any member of his staff that he may designate.

(e) Other such full-time employees as may be designated by the district boards of trustees so long as they are in positions exempt under the provisions of chapter 28B.16 RCW, the state higher education personnel law: *Provided*, That any full-time employee of a community college district, who has been granted leave of absence without pay for reason of extended illness or disability and who is receiving salary continuation insurance benefits through a plan made available by such community college district, shall be eligible to participate in the TIAA/CREF plan on the basis of premium contributions paid as a part of such salary continuation insurance benefit in lieu of the normal employer's premium contribution: *Provided further*, That such noncontributory participation shall not be creditable toward the number of years of full-time service utilized in calculating eligibility for supplemental retirement benefits pursuant to WAC 131-16-061.

(2) A full-time employee shall be defined as one who is employed for at least 80 percent of the normal work period for his class of employee; however, any such employee who is employed for less than 90 days during the fiscal year or who is designated as a temporary employee shall not be eligible for participation in this plan.

(3) An employee reclassified to an eligible position may become a participant if he so elects in writing within six months after being reclassified. If he does not

so elect, he hereby permanently waives his right to become a participant. A participant who is reclassified to a classified position covered by chapter 28B.16 RCW may continue to be a participant if he so elects in writing within six months after being reclassified. Such election shall be irrevocable.

(4) Any participant who has not retired and whose employment is reduced to less than the amount specified for eligibility to participate in the TIAA/CREF plan shall continue to be a participant and shall earn fractional years of service credit as long as he continues to be employed as a teacher, counselor, librarian, administrator, or other similar exempt position as provided in chapter 28B.16 RCW.

(5) Any eligible employee may become a participant immediately upon employment but must become a participant within two years following initial appointment.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.10.400. 83-20-042 (Order 95, Resolution No. 83-25), § 131-16-020, filed 9/28/83; Order 55, § 131-16-020, filed 4/2/76; Order 51, § 131-16-020, filed 1/9/76; Order 37, § 131-16-020, filed 5/19/75; Order 28, § 131-16-020, filed 7/1/74; Order 4, § 131-16-020, filed 10/22/69.]

**WAC 131-16-030 Optional participation for certain employees.** After January 1, 1970, participation in the TIAA/CREF plan shall be required of all eligible new employees except for such new employees who at the time of employment are members of the Washington state teachers' retirement system (WSTRS) or the Washington public employees' retirement system (WPERs) and who elect to retain such membership. All eligible employees who were employed prior to January 1, 1970, shall indicate in writing no later than January 1, 1971, whether they wish to participate in the TIAA/CREF plan or to retain membership in the retirement plan in which they then hold membership; provided that any such eligible employee who has not established sufficient retirement credit in the Washington state teachers' retirement system or the Washington public employees' retirement system to qualify for deferred retirement allowances may delay exercising his option to participate in the TIAA/CREF plan no longer than one calendar year following the date upon which he established sufficient retirement credit to qualify for such deferred retirement allowances, commonly called a vested right to receive retirement benefits. However, once an employee elects to participate in the TIAA/CREF plan, such choice shall be irrevocable so long as he shall remain an employee of any community college district of the state or of the state board for community college education. Eligible employees who retain membership in WSTRS or WPERs may, in addition, participate in the TIAA/CREF plan on a non-contributory basis through tax-deferred annuity purchase agreements between the individual and the employing community college district under provisions of section 403(b) of the United States Internal Revenue Code.

[Order 28, § 131-16-030, filed 7/1/74; Order 9, § 131-16-030, filed 6/7/71; Order 4, § 131-16-030, filed 10/22/69.]

**WAC 131-16-040 Special retirement provisions for TIAA/CREF participants.** (1) The normal retirement age shall be defined as the end of the academic year in which the participant attains age sixty-five: *Provided*, That any participant may elect to retire at the earliest age specified for retirement by federal Social Security law.

(2) The board of trustees of any college district may approve the retirement of any employee under the age of seventy for reasons of health or permanent disability either upon the request of the individual employee or the district president: *Provided*, That the board of trustees shall first give reasonable consideration to the written recommendations regarding such requested retirement from the employee's personal physician and, if requested by either the employee or the district president, a review of such recommendations by another physician appointed by the board of trustees.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.10.400. 83-20-042 (Order 95, Resolution No. 83-25), § 131-16-040, filed 9/28/83; 79-12-069 (Order 80, Resolution 79-44), § 131-16-040, filed 11/30/79; Order 28, § 131-16-040, filed 7/1/74; Order 4, § 131-16-040, filed 10/22/69.]

**WAC 131-16-050 Contribution rates established.**

(1) Each participant in the TIAA/CREF plan shall contribute five percent until the end of the calendar year during which he attains his 35th birthday and seven and one-half percent thereafter of all remuneration he receives from the employing community college district and the employing district shall contribute a like sum, each on a monthly basis. A participant may further elect to increase the rate to ten percent at any time following the calendar year during which he attains his 50th birthday and the employing district shall contribute a like sum. The sum of the participant's and the community college district's contribution shall be forwarded to TIAA/CREF for the purchase of retirement annuities. The combined contribution may be divided between TIAA and CREF premium payments as directed by the participant.

(2) During periods when participants are on leave of absence and are receiving partial compensation from a community college district, the employing community college district shall continue to make contributions on the same basis as herein provided if the participant agrees to contribute in a like manner.

(3) Any of the following allocations of the combined contributions may be elected at any time by the participant as the premium basis for purchase of TIAA and CREF annuities:

TIAA	CREF
100%	0%
75%	25%
50%	50%
25%	75%
0%	100%

(4) Any eligible employee may enter into an agreement with the college district to reduce the employee's monthly salary by the amount of the required employee's monthly contribution and any supplemental

amount within the limits prescribed in the Internal Revenue Code, such amount to be transmitted to TIAA/CREF to purchase retirement annuities in the name of the employee, thereby deferring the federal income tax normally due on that amount until it is received as retirement annuity income: *Provided*, That after one year from the effective date of the agreement, either party may terminate the agreement: *And provided further*, That no more than one agreement for such salary reduction may be made within any taxable year of the employee except to the extent otherwise permitted by the regulations under Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

[Order 28, § 131-16-050, filed 7/1/74; Order 13, § 131-16-050, filed 10/8/71; Order 4, § 131-16-050, filed 10/22/69.]

**WAC 131-16-060 Repurchase of annuity contract under certain conditions.** In the event a participant in TIAA or TIAA/CREF leaves the employ of any Washington community college for reasons other than retirement or disability and requests repurchase of his annuity, the state board for community college education approves such repurchases as are recommended by the appropriate district board of trustees provided that TIAA/CREF agrees to such repurchase and provided further that the portion of the repurchase attributable to contributions made by employing community college district shall be returned to that district by TIAA/CREF.

The state board will agree to the repurchase of contracts only if all the following conditions are met:

- (a) Payments to the annuitant have not begun;
- (b) The annuity has been in force for five years or less;
- (c) The annuitant requests repurchase of all annuities he owns;
- (d) The annuitant is neither employed at nor is transferring to an institution having a TIAA/CREF retirement plan;
- (e) All educational institutions that contributed any part of the premiums consent to the repurchase;
- (f) If the annuitant has more than one annuity, the total value of all TIAA/CREF annuities and the longest duration of any of them shall govern in determining whether a repurchase will be made under this rule.

[Order 28, § 131-16-060, filed 7/1/74; Order 4, § 131-16-060, filed 10/22/69.]

**WAC 131-16-061 Supplemental retirement benefits.**

(1) A participant is eligible to receive supplemental retirement benefit payments if at the time of retirement the participant is age sixty-two or over and has at least ten years of full-time service in the TIAA/CREF plan at a Washington public institution of higher education; provided that the amount of the supplemental retirement benefit, as calculated in accordance with the provisions of this section, is a positive amount.

(2) Subject to the provisions of WAC 131-16-062 and subdivisions (c), (d), and (e) of this subsection, the annual amount of supplemental retirement benefit payable to a participant upon retirement is the excess, if

any, when the value determined in subdivision (b) is subtracted from the value determined in subdivision (a), as follows:

(a) The lesser of fifty percent of the participant's average annual salary or two percent of the average annual salary multiplied by the number of years of full-time service; provided that if the participant did not elect to contribute ten percent of salary beginning July 1, 1974, or if later, after the first day of the calendar year following attainment of age fifty, service for such periods shall be calculated at the rate of one and one-half percent instead of two percent.

(b) The combined retirement benefit from the TIAA/CREF annuity and any other Washington state public retirement system as a result of service while employed by a Washington public higher education institution that the participant would receive in the first month of retirement multiplied by twelve: *Provided*, That the TIAA/CREF benefit shall be calculated on the following assumptions:

(i) After July 1, 1974, fifty percent of the combined contributions were made to TIAA and fifty percent to CREF during each year of full-time service: *Provided*, That benefit calculations related to contributions made prior to July 1, 1974, shall be computed on the basis of actual allocations between TIAA and CREF; and

(ii) The full TIAA/CREF annuity accumulations, including all dividends payable by TIAA and further including the amounts, if any, paid in a single sum under the retirement transition benefit option, were fully settled on a joint and two-thirds survivorship option with a ten-year guarantee, using actual ages of retiree and spouse, but not exceeding a five-year difference; except that for unmarried participants the TIAA accumulations, including dividends, were settled on an installment refund option and the CREF accumulations were settled on a life annuity with ten-year guarantee option, all to be based on TIAA/CREF estimates at the time of retirement; and

(iii) Annuity benefits purchased by premiums paid other than as a participant in a Washington public institution of higher education TIAA/CREF retirement plan shall be excluded.

(iv) For the purposes of this calculation, the assumptions applied to the TIAA/CREF accumulation settlement shall also apply to settlement of the benefit from any other retirement plan.

(c) The amount of supplemental retirement benefit for a participant who has not attained age sixty-five at retirement is the amount calculated in subsection (2) of this section reduced by one-half of one percent for each calendar month remaining until age sixty-five: *Provided*, That the supplemental retirement benefit for a participant retired for reason of health or permanent disability shall not be so reduced.

(d) Any portion of participant's TIAA and/or CREF annuity accumulation paid to a participant's spouse upon dissolution of a marriage shall be included in any subsequent calculation of supplemental retirement benefits just as if these funds had remained in the participant's TIAA and/or CREF annuity.

(e) The selection of a TIAA/CREF retirement option other than the joint and two-thirds survivorship with ten-year guarantee shall not alter the method of calculating the supplemental retirement benefit; however, if the participant's combined TIAA/CREF retirement benefit and calculated supplemental retirement benefit exceeds fifty percent of the participant's average annual salary, the supplemental retirement benefit shall be reduced so that the total combined benefits do not exceed fifty percent of average annual salary.

(3) The payment of supplemental retirement benefits shall be consistent with the following provisions:

(a) Supplemental retirement benefits shall be paid in equal monthly installments, except that if such monthly installments should be less than ten dollars, such benefit payments may be paid at longer intervals as determined by the employer.

(b) Supplemental retirement benefit payments will continue for the lifetime of the retired participant; however, prior to retirement, a participant may choose to provide for the continuation of supplemental retirement benefit payments, on an actuarially equivalent reduced basis, to his or her spouse or designated beneficiary after the retiree's death. Notification of such choice shall be filed in writing with the appropriate college district or state board officer and shall be irrevocable after retirement. If such option is chosen, the supplemental retirement benefit payments shall be in the same proportion as the TIAA/CREF survivor annuity option elected by the participant. If a designation of a survivor's option is not made and the participant dies after attaining age sixty-two but prior to retirement, any supplemental benefit payable shall be based on the two-thirds benefit to survivor option.

(c) Prior to making any supplemental benefit payments, the employing college district or state board shall obtain a document signed by the participant and spouse, if any, or designated beneficiary acknowledging the supplemental retirement benefit option chosen by the participant.

(4) A retired participant who is reemployed shall continue to be eligible to receive retirement income benefits, except that the supplemental retirement benefit shall not continue during periods of employment for more than forty percent of full-time or seventy hours per month or five months duration in any fiscal year. Retirement contributions shall not be made from the salary for such employment, unless the individual once again becomes eligible to participate under the provisions of WAC 131-16-020.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.10.400. 83-20-042 (Order 95, Resolution No. 83-25), § 131-16-061, filed 9/28/83. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.10.400(3). 82-11-014 (Order 91, Resolution No. 82-6), § 131-16-061, filed 5/10/82. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.10.400. 79-12-069 (Order 80, Resolution No. 79-44), § 131-16-061, filed 11/30/79; Order 28, § 131-16-061, filed 7/1/74.]

**WAC 131-16-065 Optional retirement transition benefit.** Employees participating in TIAA/CREF as identified in WAC 131-16-020 may choose the optional retirement transition benefit that at the time of their retirement permits receipt of not more than ten percent of

the accumulated value in each annuity in a lump-sum payment, provided that annuity benefits commence after the participant's fifty-fifth birthday. Benefits from the remainder of the combined annuity value shall be paid in the form of other retirement options then available to the annuitant as now or hereafter permitted by TIAA/CREF. Selection of the option to receive the retirement transition benefit shall be made immediately prior to retirement in such manner as now or hereafter permitted by TIAA/CREF.

[Order 28, § 131-16-065, filed 7/1/74; Order 14, § 131-16-065, filed 2/18/72.]

**WAC 131-16-066 Single sum death benefit to spouse beneficiaries.** Unless previously indicated to the contrary by the participating employee in writing directly to TIAA/CREF, the surviving spouse of any TIAA/CREF plan participant who dies before retirement shall be entitled to receive a single sum death benefit in the amount of the then current value of the annuity accumulation.

[Order 28, § 131-16-066, filed 7/1/74; Order 15, § 131-16-066, filed 2/9/73.]

**WAC 131-16-069 Application of retirement plan to employees of state board.** The provisions of WAC 131-16-005 through 131-16-066 shall apply to eligible employees of the state board for community college education who are participants in the TIAA/CREF plan and whose contributions to such plan are matched by contributions by the state board. The term "Washington public higher education institution" shall be construed to include the state board for community college education for the purposes of administration of this retirement annuity plan.

[Order 28, § 131-16-069, filed 7/1/74.]

**WAC 131-16-070 Adoption and publication of district personnel selection practices and standards required.** Each community college district board of trustees shall adopt and publish a statement of personnel selection practices and standards governing all nonclassified service personnel which are designed to ensure high standards of excellence in all phases of district operations, satisfy the standards of regional and national accrediting organization, and provide for a professional staff representing a wide range of educational and professional experience. Such personnel practices and standards shall be consistent with WAC 131-16-080.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.50.090 (7)(a). 80-13-011 (Order 82, Resolution No. 80-14), § 131-16-070, filed 9/8/80; Order 5, § 131-16-070, filed 12/12/69.]

**WAC 131-16-080 General standards of qualifications for community college personnel.** Prior to employment of candidates to perform professional services in Washington community colleges, the district board of trustees shall establish that the candidate possesses:

(1) Scholarship and/or technical skill that represents appropriate study, training, and skills in the proposed area of assignment,



(2) Expertise as a practitioner as evidenced by reports of former associates and supervisors,

(3) A demonstrable understanding and acceptance of the role to be played as a partner in an educational enterprise serving the best interests of the students,

(4) A demonstrable understanding and acceptance of the mission, role, and character of the community college,

(5) The ability to perform assigned duties in a manner consistent with the goals of the institution and the community college system, and

(6) Personal characteristics that contribute to the ability to promote the welfare of the students, the institution, and the state of Washington.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.50.090 (7)(a), 80-13-011 (Order 82, Resolution No. 80-14), § 131-16-080, filed 9/8/80; Order 22, § 131-16-080, filed 11/27/73; Order 5, § 131-16-080, filed 12/12/69.]

**WAC 131-16-091 Additional qualifications in areas of specialization.** In addition to the general standards required by WAC 131-16-080 and chapter 490-28A WAC in the case of vocational education personnel, the district board of trustees shall establish that candidates for appointment meet or exceed the following standards in their areas of specialization:

(1) Professional personnel performing services for which advanced degrees are normally available shall hold the equivalent of a master's degree in the field of their educational service from an accredited college or university or a bachelor's degree and extensive professional experience in the field of their educational service.

(2) Professional personnel in vocational fields or other specialized areas for which advanced degrees are not normally available shall have sufficiently broad and comprehensive training and work experience that particularly qualifies them to provide instruction in their area of specialization.

(3) Vocational education teaching personnel must have recent work experience beyond the learning period as a fully qualified worker in the occupation that will be taught. The minimum work experience shall be equal to the recognized learning period required to gain competence in the occupation, but shall be in no case less than two calendar years of full-time work or its equivalent, which shall be the number of hours worked by full-time people during a two-year period in the occupation to be taught.

(a) Minimum work experience for apprenticeable occupations will be equal to the learning period then currently registered with the state department of labor and industries.

(b) Minimum work experience in occupations requiring state licensing will be two calendar years subsequent to receipt of license, unless the occupation is also an apprenticeable trade.

(c) Minimum work experience for all other trades and occupations will be two calendar years of full-time employment or its equivalent, which shall be the number of hours worked by full-time people during a two-year period in the occupation to be taught subsequent to the recognized learning period.

(d) Recent work experience shall be defined as employment full-time for six months or its equivalent, which shall be one-fourth of the hours defined as a full-time equivalent in subsection (3) of this section in the occupation to be taught within the two years immediately preceding initial vocational certification.

(e) One year full-time employment shall mean that which is the standard for the occupation.

(4) All other vocational education teaching personnel including instructors of vocationally related courses, teachers' aides, lab assistants, and tutors, who do not meet the work experience and educational requirements specified above may be employed either on a full-time or part-time basis, provided that such individuals shall possess appropriate technical skills and knowledge in the specific program area assigned, and provided further that such individuals shall work under the direct supervision of, or in direct coordination with, an appropriately certified professional. Each college district shall maintain job descriptions for each position in this category.

(5) Vocational counselors shall meet the minimum work experience requirement by verifying work experience in one or more occupations other than professional education, which is cumulative to at least two years of full-time employment as defined in subsection (3) of this section. Vocational counselors shall be certified only if they have had preparation in vocational counseling, testing, and occupational information.

(6) General administrative personnel shall have advanced training or experience relevant to their assigned duties. The chief administrator shall hold an earned doctorate from an accredited university or have equivalent administrative expertise as demonstrated by successful performance of broad administrative responsibilities.

(7) Vocational administrative personnel, including the chief vocational education officer or other individual assigned that responsibility (commonly referred to as the vocational director), and all other subordinate vocational education administrative personnel must have been employed as a full-time vocational education instructor for at least three academic years or have equivalent teaching experience in industry or other public agencies and they must have had at least two calendar years of accumulated experience in the capacity of a supervisor in education, business, industry, a public agency, or an equivalent volunteer community service. In addition, such individuals must have demonstrated to the employing agency a commitment to and understanding of vocational education. Industry and public agency experience will be evaluated at no more than a one-to-one basis.

(8) Persons employed prior to the effective date of this document shall comply with these standards unless they were qualified on the basis of standards which were in effect in the 1969 Washington state plan for vocational education. All persons shall comply with the provisions of WAC 131-16-092 and 131-16-093 regarding certification and renewal of certificates.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.50.090 (7)(a), 80-13-011 (Order 82, Resolution No. 80-14), § 131-16-091, filed 9/8/80; Order 22, § 131-16-091, filed 11/27/73.]

**WAC 131-16-092 Maintaining and improving occupational and teaching competencies for vocational administrators, instructors and counselors.** It shall be the responsibility of the president of each institution or district to assure compliance with the following standards, which must be met or exceeded by all districts:

(1) The institution or district will certify through the vocational director each instructor and vocational counselor and maintain documentation of such certification. The certificate and the documentation on file shall specify the function and/or the specific occupational area for which the individual is certified.

(2) Each full-time contracted professional shall have an individual improvement plan developed in consultation with and approved by the vocational director or designee. The vocational director shall maintain a file of all such plans.

(3) Part-time teaching personnel must have temporary certification and shall obtain a one-year certificate upon the accumulated completion of forty-five quarter credits (or forty-five credit equivalents) of teaching. Individual professional improvement plans shall be established and approved for part-time personnel upon issuance of a one-year certificate.

(4) Part-time counselors shall obtain a one-year certificate upon completion of the equivalent of one full academic year of counseling responsibility. Individual professional improvement plans shall be established and approved upon issuance of a one-year certificate.

(5) Full-time professional personnel may not be employed on the basis of a temporary certificate for a period of more than one year.

(6) Certification under the above standards is a condition of continued employment for all vocational education personnel.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.50.090 (7)(a), 80-13-011 (Order 82, Resolution No. 80-14), § 131-16-092, filed 9/8/80; Order 22, § 131-16-092, filed 11/27/73.]

**WAC 131-16-093 Types of vocational education certificates.** For the purposes of this section, equivalency shall mean in each case that the employee shall successfully complete the objectives outlined in the improvement plan. In issuing certificates for vocational education personnel, the college district shall utilize the following nomenclature and shall meet the standards set forth:

(1) Temporary certificate.

(a) Vocational instructors shall be issued a temporary certificate provided that such individuals shall be required to complete a minimum of fifteen contact hours of teaching orientation or the equivalent to begin no later than the first day of employment. A temporary certificate is renewable only for part-time instructors who have not accumulated forty-five quarter credit hours, or equivalency, of teaching.

(b) Vocational counselors shall be issued a temporary certificate provided that such individuals have met the requirements set forth in WAC 131-16-091(5).

(2) One-year certificate.

(a) Instructional personnel who have completed the minimum requirements for a temporary certificate and who, in addition, provide documentation of teaching competency as demonstrated by having satisfactorily completed a minimum of three credits in courses concentrated upon the elements of teaching, or the equivalent, shall be issued a one-year certificate. A one-year certificate may be renewed no more than once after initial issuance for each year of full-time equivalent instruction, except that in the case of part-time instructors, a one-year certificate may be continued until the equivalent of one year of teaching (45 quarter credits) has been completed.

(b) Counselors may be issued a one-year certificate upon completion of the minimum requirements for a temporary certificate and who, in addition, have completed a minimum of three professional improvement units in accordance with the individual improvement plan. A one-year certificate may be renewed no more than once after initial issuance for each year of full-time equivalent counseling.

(3) Three-year certificate. (Optional with the local district.)

(4) Five-year certificate (initial).

(a) Instructional personnel shall be issued a five-year certificate upon completion of two years of teaching service, who have, in addition to the one-year certificate requirements, documentation of competency as demonstrated by having satisfactorily completed a minimum of three credits in courses dealing with the techniques of occupational analysis, or equivalent, a minimum of three credits in courses concentrated upon the principles of vocational course organization or equivalent, and who have completed a minimum of three additional professional improvement units in accordance with the individual's improvement plan.

(b) Counseling personnel shall be issued a five-year certificate upon completion of two years of counseling service, who provide in addition to the one-year certificate requirements, documentation of competency as demonstrated by having satisfactorily completed a minimum of three credits in courses dealing with the techniques of occupational analysis, or equivalent, and who have completed a minimum of six additional professional improvement units in accordance with the individual's improvement plan.

(5) Five-year certificate (renewal). A five-year renewable certificate shall be issued to professional personnel who have completed a minimum of fifteen professional improvement units during the previous five-year period in accordance with the individual's improvement plan. Professional improvement plans initiated after July 1, 1980, shall, if deemed appropriate, include work experience as defined in WAC 131-16-094(1), and no more than ten professional units in any one category as defined in WAC 131-16-094 shall apply.

(6) The vocational director shall be responsible for the designation of approved course equivalents.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.50.090 (7)(a), 84-06-052 (Order 97, Resolution No. 84-7), § 131-16-093, filed 3/7/84; 80-13-011 (Order

82, Resolution No. 80-14), § 131-16-093, filed 9/8/80; Order 22, § 131-16-093, filed 11/27/73.]

**WAC 131-16-094 Definition of professional improvement units.** The following standards shall be used in the determination of professional improvement unit values for vocational certification by the college districts.

(1) Each forty hours of planned, preapproved, paid work experience shall be equal to one professional improvement unit.

(2) One credit on the quarter system or two-thirds credit on the semester system earned in accredited programs at colleges or universities shall be equal to one professional improvement unit provided it is in compliance with the professional improvement plan.

(3) Each accumulated twenty hours of preplanned participation in activities, such as conferences, seminars, workshops, or symposiums shall be equal to 1.0 professional improvement unit.

(4) Additional professional improvement units may be granted as approved in the individual improvement plan on the basis of independent research and individual development activities of the instructor, counselor, or administrator in excess of the normal contractual obligations.

(5) The vocational director shall be responsible for the approval of professional improvement plans, equivalencies, and units as stated in WAC 131-16-092, 131-16-093, and 131-16-094.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.50.090 (7)(a), 80-13-011 (Order 82, Resolution No. 80-14), § 131-16-094, filed 9/8/80; Order 22, § 131-16-094, filed 11/27/73.]

**WAC 131-16-200 Reduction in force guidelines and procedures supplemental to chapter 251-10 WAC.** When a reduction in force becomes necessary the following guidelines and procedures shall govern to the extent they are consistent and supplemental to chapter 251-10 WAC:

(1) The director shall determine the number of positions by classification to be abolished.

(2) The order of layoff shall be according to the appointment status of employees in the classification(s) of positions to be eliminated and in the inverse order of their "layoff seniority" as defined by WAC 251-04-020(33), as now or hereafter amended.

(a) Emergency, temporary or intermittent employees shall be laid off before probationary and provisional status employees in the same classification.

(b) Nonpermanent status employees shall be laid off before permanent status employees in the same classification.

(3) The order of layoff and optional retention rights shall not be limited or restricted by any requirements regarding the sex of employee because of the nature or circumstances of work involved.

[Order 8, § 131-16-200, filed 3/8/71.]

**WAC 131-16-210 Layoff unit defined.** (1) For the purposes of WAC 131-16-200, 131-16-220 and chapter 251-10 WAC the state board for community college education staffs, in their entirety, in the cities of Olympia

and Seattle are each defined as comprising one layoff unit.

[Order 8, § 131-16-210, filed 3/8/71.]

**WAC 131-16-220 Duration of reduction in force lists.** (1) The director or his designee may extend or re-establish employment lists as long as these actions do not jeopardize the reemployment of any employee separated by a reduction in force. Employees separated by reason of reduction in force shall have their names maintained on applicable registers for a period of not less than three years from the date of their termination.

[Order 8, § 131-16-220, filed 3/8/71.]

**WAC 131-16-400 Definition of "special funds" for the purpose of determining eligibility for tenurable faculty positions.** (1) RCW 28B.50.851 authorizes the state board for community college education to designate certain funds as "special funds" for the purpose of exempting positions funded thereby from the award of community college faculty tenure status as provided in RCW 28B.50.850 through 28B.50.869.

(2) For the purpose of implementing the provisions of RCW 28B.50.851, "special funds" shall be defined as all funds received by a community college district other than those generated by operating fees and special fees collected by such district pursuant to RCW 28B.15.100 and 28B.15.500 and state general funds appropriated by the legislature and distributed to college districts by the state board.

(3) "Special funds" shall include, but not be limited to, funds received by a community college district through contracts with federal, state, local, or private agencies; grants or gifts from philanthropic organizations; revenue produced by any auxiliary enterprise operated by a college district; federal vocational funds distributed by the commission for vocational education; adult basic education funds distributed by the superintendent of public instruction; and specifically funds received for operating overseas military educational programs.

(4) In order to qualify for the exemption from faculty tenure status, a position must be primarily maintained and funded at least 51% for salary and related benefits by such "special funds" as defined in this section.

(5) Determination of the application of the provisions of this section to any future programs shall be made by the state director consistent with subsections (2) and (3) of this section.

(6) Pursuant to chapter 282, Laws of 1977 ex. sess., the provisions of this section shall not be applicable to faculty members holding appointments in an educational program operated in a state correctional institution pursuant to a written contract with a community college district, provided such program has been in existence for five or more years under the administration of one or more community college districts.

[Order 67, § 131-16-400, filed 9/13/77; Order 57, § 131-16-400, filed 5/10/76; Order 43, § 131-16-400, filed 9/12/75.]

**Chapter 131-24 WAC  
CAPITAL PROJECTS**

**WAC**

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**WAC 131-24-010 Districts shall obtain prior approval of state board for capital projects and acquisition of realty.** Community college districts that wish to contract for or otherwise cause the construction, reconstruction, erection, equipping, disposal, demolition, or alteration of buildings, facilities, or other capital assets; or to acquire, by purchase or lease, sites, right of way, easements, improvements, or appurtenances to real property shall first obtain the approval of the state board for community college education pursuant to the procedures established for such approval and action.

[Order 3, § 131-24-010, filed 6/19/69.]

**WAC 131-24-020 College district revenue bond issues—Approval required.** (1) Community college districts that wish to issue revenue bonds pursuant to RCW 28B.50.140(6) must receive the prior approval of the state board and the state finance committee, as required by RCW 28B.50.409.

(a) District requests for state board approval shall consist of a written presentation describing the proposed use of the bond revenue, the need for the facility, cost projections, source and anticipated annual revenue pledged to debt service, and the characteristics of the bond issue proposed.

(b) After receiving state board approval, the requesting district and the state director or his designee will jointly prepare a request to the state finance committee for approval of the proposed issue.

(2) Following approval of a revenue bond issue, the district shall establish a bond retirement fund as required by RCW 28B.50.330. Subject to the provisions of RCW 28B.50.320, the district shall select a local depository into which it shall place all revenue pledged to debt service for such revenue bond issue. Any federal or state funds or other grants, bequests, gifts, or income therefrom pledged to the retirement of such revenue bond issue shall be deposited as herein provided; except, that if such funds could not be obtained if so deposited, they shall be deposited according to the applicable law or term of the trust, bequest, or gift.

(3) Nothing in this section shall be construed to change the current status of any revenue bond issues approved prior to the effective date of this rule and pursuant to WAC 131-04-010, which section is hereby repealed.

[Order 56, § 131-24-020, filed 4/2/76. Formerly WAC 131-04-010.]

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**WAC 131-24-030 Capital construction projects—SEPA policies and procedures.** (1) It shall be the policy of the state board for community college education that capital projects proposed by community college districts shall be developed in a manner consistent with the provisions of chapter 43.21C RCW, the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), and chapter 197-10 WAC, guidelines for SEPA implementation.

(2) A community college district initiating a request for approval of any capital construction expenditure shall be considered the "lead agency" for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of chapter 43.21C RCW and chapter 197-10 WAC.

(3) Community college districts seeking state board approval of capital project construction expenditures pursuant to WAC 131-24-010 shall provide as part of such requests a draft "declaration of significance/non-significance" regarding the potential adverse effects the proposed project would have on the environment.

(4) The draft "declaration of significance/nonsignificance" shall conform in both form and supporting documentation, if such is required, to the provisions of WAC 197-10-355.

(5) When the declaration required by subsection (3) of this section indicates a finding that there exists a reasonable belief by the lead agency that the proposed project could have a significant adverse effect on the environment, the request for state board approval of capital project construction funds shall be construed to be an affirmation that the district has complied with the provisions for preparation and circulation of draft and final environmental impact statements in WAC 197-10-410 through 197-10-695.

[Order 58, § 131-24-030, filed 5/10/76.]

**WAC 131-24-040 Capital projects funded on the basis of voluntary student fees.** (1) A request for approval of a capital project proposed to be funded from revenue derived from fees that students voluntarily maintain upon themselves pursuant to RCW 28B.15.610 must be supported by evidence that:

(a) The student fee was approved by a majority vote, as defined by the constitution or governing policies of the student government, at a general election of the student body.

(b) The college district has identified an alternative source of funding in the event the fee is discontinued or revenues fall below the required level. The alternative funding source is sufficient to cover the full costs of the project, including debt service in the case of borrowed funds.

(2) When a capital project is to be financed by borrowed funds repayable from revenue derived from fees that students voluntarily maintain upon themselves, the following criteria shall be met:

(a) For at least two quarters prior to consideration of the project proposal by the state board, the revenue from the student fee must have been placed in reserve for use in the project.

(b) The duration of the terms of the loan shall not exceed ten years.

(c) Preliminary notification to the state board of the approval of the voluntary fee and the general nature and scope of the proposed project shall be made prior to collection of the fee.

(d) Final approval shall be based on presentation of details of the terms of the anticipated loan.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.50.090(8), 85-20-045 (Order 104, Resolution No. 85-26), § 131-24-040, filed 9/25/85.]

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131-28-020	Effective date of summer quarter fee schedule. [Order 6, § 131-28-020, filed 3/16/70.] Repealed by Order 12, filed 7/22/71.
131-28-041	Criteria for determining eligibility for waiver of tuition and fees under RCW 28B.15.520. [Statutory Authority: Chapter 34.04 RCW and WAC 1-12-065, 79-07-070 (Order 74, Resolution No. 79-20), § 131-28-041, filed 6/28/79. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.15.520, 28B.15.525, and 28B.15.530. 78-06-058 (Order 70, Resolution No. 78-24), § 131-28-041, filed 5/24/78; Order 47, § 131-28-041, filed 9/12/75.] Repealed by 80-08-045 (Order 83, Resolution No. 80-29), filed 6/30/80. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.15.530.
131-28-050	Procedure for determining limitation of the amount of tuition and fee waivers. [Order 47, § 131-28-050, filed 9/12/75; Order 11, § 131-28-050, filed 7/22/71; Order 7, § 131-28-050, filed 6/12/70.] Repealed by 82-22-023 (Order 94, Resolution No. 82-37), filed 10/26/82. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.15.502 and 28B.15.740.
131-28-060	Procedure for determining priorities in awarding fee waivers. [Order 11, § 131-28-060, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by Order 47, filed 9/12/75. Later promulgation, see WAC 131-28-045.

**WAC 131-28-010 Tuition and fee charges for summer quarter.** Tuition, operating, services and activities, and special fees charged to students enrolled for summer quarter shall be assessed on the same basis and in the same manner as such fees are assessed for other quarters of the academic year.

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[Order 12, § 131-28-010, filed 7/22/71; Order 6, § 131-28-010, filed 3/16/70.]

**WAC 131-28-015 Assessment of tuition and fee charges.** It shall be the general policy of the Washington community college system that all tuition and services and activities fees, or special fees charged to students shall be assessed on a uniform and equitable basis, except when the requirement to pay all or part of such fees has been specifically waived or altered by law or by regulation of the state board or the district board of trustees.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.15.502, 89-14-037 (Order 116, Resolution No. 89-16), § 131-28-015, filed 6/29/89; Order 12, § 131-28-015, filed 7/22/71.]

**WAC 131-28-021 Definitions.** For the purpose of WAC 131-28-025, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) "Resident student" and "nonresident student" shall be defined in the same manner as in chapter 28B.15 RCW.

(2) "Tuition" and "services and activities fees" shall be defined in the same manner as in chapter 28B.15 RCW.

(3) "Special fees" shall be defined as all fees established by the district board of trustees other than tuition, operating fees or services and activities fees and as such shall include fees charged to an individual student for specific services and privileges received by such student.

(4) "Student funded course" shall be defined as any organized instructional activity, typically ungraded, primarily offered for part-time students, not normally an integral part of any specific study program leading to either an academic or an occupational degree or certificate, and specifically identified as such by a community college consistent with the course classification procedures established by the state board.

(5) "Academic or occupational course" shall be defined as all organized instructional activities other than student funded courses.

(6) "Short course" shall be defined as any academic, occupational, or student funded course not regularly scheduled in the quarterly announcement of courses, not routinely listed in the college catalog as a regular and normal part of the instructional program, and not normally of a full quarter in duration.

(7) "Regular course" shall be defined as any academic, occupational, or student funded course not classified as a short course.

(8) "Required course" shall be defined as any course specified in the college catalog or official curriculum description of any vocational preparatory program as necessary for completion of such program, except courses prerequisite to such program.

(9) "Vocational preparatory program" shall be defined as any planned series of learning experiences, the specific objective of which is to prepare persons to enter gainful employment in a recognized occupation not designated as professional or requiring a baccalaureate or higher degree, provided that such program has been approved by the state board.

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[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.15.502, 89-14-037 (Order 116, Resolution No. 89-16), § 131-28-021, filed 6/29/89. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.15.502 and 28B.15.740, 82-22-023 (Order 94, Resolution No. 82-37), § 131-28-021, filed 10/26/82; Order 12, § 131-28-020 (codified as § 131-28-021), filed 7/22/71.]

**WAC 131-28-025 Method of assessing tuition and fee charges.** (1) For academic and occupational regular or short courses, tuition and fees charged to students:

(a) Shall be based upon the number of credits assigned to such courses as listed in the official and current catalog of the college, or for courses not given such credit designations, the number of credit equivalents as computed by the method for deriving such equivalents established by the state board.

(b) Shall be assessed on a per-credit basis at uniform rates for resident and for nonresident students, provided:

That the respective maximums charged to any resident or nonresident student shall not exceed the amount specified in chapter 28B.15 RCW.

(c) Shall be assessed for part-time students, for each credit of registration or its equivalent, at the rate of one-tenth of the total combined tuition and services and activities fees charged to full-time students consistent with chapter 28B.15 RCW.

(d) Shall include an additional fee for each credit in excess of eighteen at the rate of one-tenth of the tuition charged to full-time students consistent with chapter 28B.15 RCW, except that no such additional charges shall be assessed to a student enrolled in both a vocational preparatory program and a required course in that program as defined in WAC 131-28-021. This exemption shall require written approval by an appropriate college official.

(e) Shall be no less than two times the amount of tuition and services and activities fees charged for one credit.

(2) The provisions of this section shall not apply to the ungraded courses set forth in WAC 131-28-026.

(3) For student funded courses, fees charged to students:

(a) Shall be designated as a special fee, all revenue from which shall be used for the general operations and maintenance of the college;

(b) Shall be assessed at a rate sufficient to defray the direct and indirect costs of offering such community service courses.

(4) Nothing herein shall be construed to be a restriction on the right of the district board of trustees to assess additional noninstructional fees and special fees to cover unique instructional costs or expendable instructional materials related to any course offered by a college district.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.15.502, 89-14-037 (Order 116, Resolution No. 89-16), § 131-28-025, filed 6/29/89. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.15.502 and 28B.15.740, 82-22-023 (Order 94, Resolution No. 82-37), § 131-28-025, filed 10/26/82. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.15.500 as amended by chapter 257, Laws of 1981, 81-19-060 (Order 89, Resolution No. 81-65), § 131-28-025, filed 9/14/81. Statutory Authority: Chapter 34.04 RCW and WAC 1-12-065, 78-07-064 (Order 71, Resolution No. 78-29), § 131-28-025, filed 6/30/78; Order 39, § 131-28-025, filed 6/27/75; Order 24, § 131-28-025, filed 3/21/74; Order 12, § 131-28-025, filed 7/22/71.]

**WAC 131-28-026 Tuition charges for certain ungraded courses.** (1) When in the judgment of a district board of trustees certain courses should be designated as ungraded courses and offered by tuition rates that differ from the standard rates set by WAC 131-28-025, the board of trustees may propose such designations and tuition levels. Implementation of such proposals shall be contingent upon approval of the state director, who shall review such proposals with respect to the provisions of subsection (2) of this section and with respect to a general standard of system-wide consistency of tuition charges when essentially similar services are provided.

(2) Ungraded courses designated pursuant to subsection (1) of this section shall meet the following qualifications:

(a) The primary intent of offering the course is other than providing academic credit applicable to an associate's or higher degree.

(b) The course has a specialized purpose in that it is intended to meet the unique educational needs of a specific category or group of students.

(c) The course is offered for the purpose of providing the individual student with a discrete skill or basic body of knowledge other than that intended to lead to initial employment.

(d) The course cannot be administered as a contract course pursuant to WAC 131-28-027, 131-32-010, or 131-32-020.

(e) The course is not offered primarily as an integral part of any lower-division curriculum or program.

(f) The course is not one specifically or primarily intended to satisfy requirements for receiving a high school diploma.

(3) For the purposes of this section, ungraded courses shall be defined as those courses classified according to the official course classification taxonomy established by the state board as occupational supplementary, occupational homemaking, academic basic education, or academic general education courses, provided they shall also meet the qualifications set forth in subsection (2) of this section.

(4) For the purpose of implementing WAC 131-28-025(2), the tuition, exclusive of special fees, charged by any Washington community college for the following ungraded courses shall be:

COURSE FEE	TUITION		
	BUILDING FEE	OPERATING FEE	SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES
(a) Courses offered for the purpose of satisfying related or supplemental educational requirements for apprentices while indentured with the Washington state apprenticeship	\$1.40 per credit	\$3.60 per credit	No charge

TUITION

COURSE FEE	BUILDING FEE	OPERATING FEE	SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES
council or Federal Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training			
(b) Department of labor and industries approved industrial first aid courses offered for the purpose of satisfying WISHA first aid certification requirements	Standard rate	Standard rate	No charge
(c) Parent education involving cooperative preschool program	The combined standard district charge per credit hour for tuition and operating fees less the preschool cooperative fee, with any remainder divided equally between tuition and operating fee		No charge
(d) Farm management and small business management	Standard rate	Standard rate	No charge
(e) Adult basic education courses supported by federal funds and English as a second language courses funded from such sources	No charge	No charge	No charge
(f) Emergency medical technician	\$1.40 per credit	\$3.60 per credit	No charge
(g) Courses specifically designed to provide skills and understandings particularly related to the problems of retirement and advanced age	\$1.00 per credit hour	\$1.00 per credit hour	No charge
(h) Courses providing advanced training and skill maintenance for journeypersons in cooperation with local joint apprenticeship and training committees	Standard rate	Standard rate	No charge

(5) Application of this section shall be subject to administrative procedures established by the state director with respect to maximum credit values of such ungraded courses, curriculum, or any unique circumstances related to enrollment in such courses.

(6) Tuition and services and activities fees received pursuant to this section shall be accounted for and deposited in conformance with the provisions of RCW 28B.50.360, 28B.15.031, and 28B.15.041 respectively.

(7) The term "standard rate" as used in this section shall mean the tuition charged for one quarter credit.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.15.502. 89-14-037 (Order 116, Resolution No. 89-16), § 131-28-026, filed 6/29/89. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.15.502 and 28B.15.740. 82-22-023 (Order 94, Resolution No. 82-37), § 131-28-026, filed 10/26/82. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.15.502. 82-11-035 (Order 93, Resolution No. 82-16), § 131-28-026, filed 5/11/82. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.15.500 as amended by chapter 257, Laws of 1981. 81-19-060 (Order 89, Resolution No. 81-65), § 131-28-026, filed 9/14/81. Statutory Authority: Chapter 34.04 RCW and WAC 1-12-065. 78-07-064 (Order 71, Resolution No. 78-29), § 131-28-026, filed 6/30/78; Order 63 and Emergency Order 64, § 131-28-026, filed 9/13/77, effective 9/13/77; Order 25, § 131-28-026, filed 4/22/74, effective 7/1/74.]

**WAC 131-28-027 Costs and special fees for contracted educational services.** (1) College districts that choose to offer contractual educational courses or services, as authorized by RCW 28B.50.140(16), to private or governmental entities shall establish a special fee for the service or course to be paid by the entity involved. Such special fee shall be set forth in the contractual agreement establishing such courses or services.

(2) Contractual educational courses or services may be offered when a district makes a determination that it is not reasonably feasible for financial or other reasons, to offer such courses or services as a part of the regular curriculum. Upon making such determination, the district may offer such courses or services and shall limit participation therein to employees, agents, or members of the particular entity.

(3) Contractual educational courses or services are those instructional courses which may be provided to meet special instructional needs of military, corporate, or other governmental or private entities where enrollments will be limited to the membership of the entity and includes administrative, organizational, research, public service or program development services of the college district.

(4) Any enrollments generated through contracts for educational courses or services developed pursuant to this regulation shall be excluded from the official enrollment level of the college so that there will not be any state funding for such courses or services.

(5) The special fee charged for any such contractual educational course or service shall be retained by the college district to defray the cost of such course or service and may be used for the general operations and maintenance of the college district.

(6) The special fees charged pursuant to this regulation shall be sufficient to offset the full instructional costs of offering the course or service. Calculation of the full instructional cost level shall include all direct and indirect costs such as those for salaries and related benefits; supplies, public information; business services for budgeting, auditing, financial reporting, purchasing, payroll, and cashing; mail service, postage, telephone;

admissions; registration; data processing; and maintenance of any public facilities used.

(7) If the instructor for any course performs such services as a paid employee or personal services contractor of another state agency, the course shall be considered a contract course subject to the provisions of this section, except when reimbursement for such services is made to the other agency by the college district.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.50.140(16), 84-21-111 (Order 101, Resolution No. 84-58), § 131-28-027, filed 10/23/84. Statutory Authority: Chapter 34.04 RCW and WAC 1-12-065, 78-07-064 (Order 71, Resolution No. 78-29), § 131-28-027, filed 6/30/78; Order 65, § 131-28-027, filed 9/13/77.]

**WAC 131-28-030 Waiver of tuition and fees for needy or disadvantaged students.** Pursuant to authority granted by RCW 28B.15.740, the boards of trustees of community college districts are authorized to waive all or part of tuition and services and activities fees for needy students: *Provided*, That the students shall qualify for such waiver as determined by the criteria set forth in WAC 131-28-040 through 131-28-045.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.15.502, 89-14-037 (Order 116, Resolution No. 89-16), § 131-28-030, filed 6/29/89. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.15.502 and 28B.15.740, 82-22-023 (Order 94, Resolution No. 82-37), § 131-28-030, filed 10/26/82. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.15.530, 80-08-045 (Order 83, Resolution No. 80-29), § 131-28-030, filed 6/30/80; Order 47, § 131-28-030, filed 9/12/75; Order 38, § 131-28-030, filed 4/22/75; Order 11, § 131-28-030, filed 7/22/71; Order 7, § 131-28-030, filed 6/12/70.]

**WAC 131-28-040 Criteria for determining eligibility for waiver of tuition and fees under RCW 28B.15.740.** Waiver of tuition and services and activities fees, or any portions thereof as authorized by RCW 28B.15.740, normally charged to students enrolled shall be based upon the determination that the student is a needy student by application of a method of need analysis approved by the United States Department of Education for determining awards under federal student financial aid programs or one adopted by the state board for community college education specifically for the purposes of this section, except as provided in WAC 131-28-045.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.15.502, 89-14-037 (Order 116, Resolution No. 89-16), § 131-28-040, filed 6/29/89. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.15.740, 86-22-026 (Order 110, Resolution No. 86-42), § 131-28-040, filed 10/30/86. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.15.502 and 28B.15.740, 82-22-023 (Order 94, Resolution No. 82-37), § 131-28-040, filed 10/26/82. Statutory Authority: Chapter 34.04 RCW and WAC 1-12-065, 79-07-070 (Order 74, Resolution No. 79-20), § 131-28-040, filed 6/28/79; Order 47, § 131-28-040, filed 9/12/75; Order 11, § 131-28-040, filed 7/22/71; Order 7, § 131-28-040, filed 6/12/70.]

**WAC 131-28-045 Procedure for implementing tuition and fee waivers authorized pursuant to RCW 28B.15.740.** (1) Tuition and fee waivers for needy students in any fiscal year as authorized by RCW 28B.15.740 may not exceed three percent of any college district's estimated total collections of tuition and services and

activities fees had no such waivers been made, after deducting the portion of that total amount which is attributable to the difference between resident and nonresident tuition and fees.

(2) The estimated total collection of tuition and fees shall be based on budgeted, state supported, four-quarter annual average enrollment.

(3) Each district may waive an amount not to exceed three percent of the estimated collections in the event that actual enrollments or collections exceed estimated collections. Conversely, the three percent waiver capacity based upon estimated collections is allowable even though actual collections may not be as high as the estimate.

(4) Districts desiring to exceed their individual three percent waiver capacity may do so only upon written approval from the state director of community colleges or his designee. This waiver capacity can only be granted to a district after it has been determined that the total waiver capacity for the community college system is not being utilized as a result of other districts waiving at levels less than the three percent capacity.

(5) At least three-fourths of the total amount waived by any district shall be for needy students who are eligible to pay resident tuition and fee rates as defined in RCW 28B.15.012 through 28B.15.015 and the remainder may be for other students as determined by the board of trustees, except that no such waivers shall be based on participation in intercollegiate athletic programs.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.15.502, 89-14-037 (Order 116, Resolution No. 89-16), § 131-28-045, filed 6/29/89. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.15.740, 86-22-026 (Order 110, Resolution No. 86-42), § 131-28-045, filed 10/30/86. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.15.502 and 28B.15.740, 82-22-023 (Order 94, Resolution No. 82-37), § 131-28-045, filed 10/26/82. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.15.530, 80-08-045 (Order 83, Resolution No. 80-29), § 131-28-045, filed 6/30/80. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.15.520, 28B.15.525, and 28B.15.530, 78-06-058 (Order 70, Resolution No. 78-24), § 131-28-045, filed 5/24/78; Order 47, § 131-28-045, filed 9/12/75.]

**WAC 131-28-070 Combination of tuition and fee waivers with other forms of student financial aid.** Nothing in WAC 131-28-030 through 131-28-050 is intended to prevent the award of tuition and fee waivers in conjunction with other forms of student financial aid as a package designed to meet the overall educational assistance needs of any student.

[Order 47, § 131-28-070, filed 9/12/75; Order 11, § 131-28-070, filed 7/22/71.]

**WAC 131-28-080 Tuition and fee waivers for senior citizens.** (1) Pursuant to the authority granted by chapter 157, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess., community college districts are authorized to and may waive, in whole or in part, tuition and services and activities fees for any individual who has or will have attained sixty years of age by the first day of instruction of the quarter during which enrollment is desired and who is a resident of Washington, regardless of the length of such residency.

(2) College districts that elect to grant waivers as authorized by this section may:



(a) Waive, in whole or in part, tuition and services and activities fees for students enrolled on a credit basis.

(b) Charge, in lieu of tuition and services and activities fees, a special fee of not more than \$5.00 per quarter per individual in total for those courses for which waivers are granted for students enrolled on an audit basis.

(c) Charge, in addition, any other special fees normally assessed to students who enroll in any course toward which the waiver authority contained in this section is applied.

(3) When granting waivers as authorized by this section, community college districts shall be subject to the following regulations:

(a) Senior citizens who desire to enroll under the provisions of this section shall not be required to pass any financial need or means test as the basis for receiving such waivers.

(b) Such waivers shall not be applied to more than two courses per individual per quarter; however, qualified senior citizens may enroll in additional courses upon payment of the required tuition and fees normally charged to other students so enrolled.

(c) Such waivers shall be granted only on a "space available" basis after opportunity has been given for other students to register for courses offered by the college district.

(d) No new or additional courses or course section shall be created for the purpose of accommodating enrollments of students enrolled on the basis of waivers under this section.

(e) Waivers under this section shall not be granted to individuals who plan to use credits thus earned to improve their status for credentialing or salary schedule purposes; provided that it shall be the responsibility of the student to inform the college of the intended use of credits earned through enrollment under this fee waiver authorization.

(f) Enrollment information and statistical data related to enrollments made under this section must be maintained separately and must be discretely identified and distinguished from enrollments reported to the state board for all fiscal purposes.

(g) Computations of enrollment levels, student-faculty ratios, or other similar enrollment-related statistics must exclude student credit hours generated by enrollments for which waivers have been granted under this section.

(h) Individuals enrolled under this section must be afforded equal opportunity to utilize advisory and counseling services offered by the college district.

(i) All existing course prerequisites must apply to students enrolled under this section.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.15.502. 89-14-037 (Order 116, Resolution No. 89-16), § 131-28-080, filed 6/29/89; Order 45, § 131-28-080, filed 9/12/75.]

**WAC 131-28-085 Tuition and fee waivers for full-time community college employees.** Pursuant to the authority granted by RCW 28B.15.535, community college districts are authorized to and may waive tuition and services and activities fees for full-time employees at

their respective institutions of higher education enrolled in courses at said institutions under the following conditions:

(1) Enrollment shall be on a space-available basis after opportunity has been given for other students to register for courses offered by the college,

(2) No new or additional courses or course sections shall be created for the purpose of accommodating enrollments of students enrolled on the basis of waivers under this section,

(3) Enrollment information on employees enrolled on a space-available basis shall be maintained separately from other enrollment information and shall not be included in official enrollment reports, nor shall persons enrolled pursuant to the provisions of this section be considered in any enrollment statistics which would affect budgetary determinations,

(4) Computations of enrollment levels, student-faculty ratio, or other similar enrollment related statistics must exclude student credit hours generated by enrollments for which waivers have been granted under this section,

(5) Employees enrolling on a space-available basis shall be charged a registration fee of not less than five dollars per quarter,

(6) Community college districts may limit the number of courses per quarter for which an employee may enroll pursuant to this section,

(7) Districts may enroll full-time intercollegiate center for nursing education, cooperative extension service and agricultural research employees of Washington State University if such employees are stationed off-campus provided that (a) the employee's work station is situated within the district where he enrolls and (b) such a waiver of tuition and fees complies with conditions listed in subsections (1) through (6) of this section,

(8) Districts may recognize completion of such courses for salary improvement or vocational certification provided such courses are an approved part of the professional improvement plan of the individual,

(9) Prior to implementing any program for tuition and fee waivers for full-time employees, the college district shall adopt a written rule regarding such program and definitively set forth rules and procedures related to:

(a) Whether or not employees may take tuition free courses on released time and under what circumstances;

(b) Whether or not courses taken on a tuition free basis shall be allowed to apply toward an advancement on the salary schedule of the institution;

(c) Whether or not there will be a limit on the number of courses per quarter an employee may take; what that limitation is and any other constraints;

(d) The definition of a full-time employee, professional and classified, for purposes of this act;

(10) The individual community college district shall submit a copy of its adopted rule relating to the above to the state director.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.15.502. 89-14-037 (Order 116, Resolution No. 89-16), § 131-28-085, filed 6/29/89. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.15.535. 85-01-040 (Order 102, Resolution No. 84-67), § 131-28-085, filed 12/13/84. Statutory Authority: 1979 c 82. 79-

10-021 (Order 76, Resolution No. 79-29), § 131-28-085, filed 9/10/79.]

**WAC 131-28-090 Tuition and fee waivers for unemployed and underemployed resident students.** (1) The purpose of this section is to carry out the intent of the legislature to provide tuition-free educational opportunities for unemployed and underemployed individuals who wish to attend a Washington community college on a space-available basis.

(2) Pursuant to authority granted by chapter 50, Laws of 1984, community college districts may waive, in whole or in part, tuition and services and activities fees for any individual who:

(a) Is a resident student as defined by RCW 28B.15.012(2);

(b) Will have attained age twenty-one prior to the first day of instruction on the basis of such waiver;

(c) Has not attended an institution of higher education during the six-month period immediately prior to the first day of instruction, other than pursuant to this section;

(d) Is not receiving or eligible to receive unemployment compensation funded by federal, state matching, or trade readjustment benefit sources;

(e) Has a monthly household income below four hundred sixty-five dollars for a single person and an additional one hundred thirty dollars for each additional household member or the successor values to these amounts as may be subsequently established by the department of social and health services as need standards for assistance determination purposes;

(f) Has been or will have been unemployed for at least six months prior to the first day of instruction or is underemployed as evidenced by monthly income for the preceding six-month period below the level established in (e) of this subsection.

(3) Enrollments made pursuant to this section shall be on a space available basis.

(4) No new course sections shall be created as a result of enrollments based on waivers authorized by this section.

(5) Enrollment information on students registered pursuant to this section shall be maintained separately from other enrollment information and shall not be included in official enrollment reports, nor be considered in any enrollment statistics which would affect budgetary determinations.

(6) Persons enrolled pursuant to this section shall have the same access to support services as do all other students and shall be subject to all course prerequisites and requirements.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.15.502, 89-14-037 (Order 116, Resolution No. 89-16), § 131-28-090, filed 6/29/89. Statutory Authority: 1984 c 50, 84-21-112 (Order 100, Resolution No. 84-57), § 131-28-090, filed 10/23/84.]

## Chapter 131-32 WAC EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

### WAC

131-32-010	Charges for courses utilizing supplemental funding.
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**WAC 131-32-010 Charges for courses utilizing supplemental funding.** (1) For the purpose of this section, the term "supplemental funding" shall mean restricted funds provided on the basis of an agreement between a college district and a cooperating agency or organization for the purpose of augmenting state fund support above the current funding level provided for particular courses, classes, or programs that have extraordinary costs and that, in the judgment of the college district board of trustees, could not be offered without such supplemental funding.

(2) College districts that desire to offer services that involve supplemental funding pursuant to RCW 28B.50.140(17) shall report such agreements to the state director within ten days of the execution of the agreement.

(3) Reports of any such agreements shall be accompanied by supporting cost information in the detail and format prescribed by the state director.

(4) The supplemental fee charged for any such services shall be retained by the college district for the purpose of supporting such services and the general operations and maintenance of the college district.

(5) Enrollments generated by courses utilizing supplemental funding shall be eligible for state fund support, subject to review and approval of the state director.

(6) Courses denied approval under this section may be considered for eligibility as a shared funding course pursuant to WAC 131-32-020.

(7) Tuition and fees for such courses, classes, or programs shall be charged consistent with WAC 131-28-025 and 131-28-026.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.50.140(17), 81-14-023 (Order 88, Resolution No. 81-32), § 131-32-010, filed 6/25/81.]

**WAC 131-32-020 Charges for courses utilizing shared funding.** (1) For the purpose of this section, the term "shared funding" shall mean funds provided on the basis of an agreement between a college district and a cooperating agency or organization for the support of particular courses, classes, or programs that have costs within current state funding levels and that, in the judgment of the college district board of trustees, otherwise could not be offered because of inadequate state funding.

(2) College districts that desire to offer services that involve shared funding pursuant to RCW 28B.50.140(17) shall report such agreements to the state director within ten days of the execution of the agreement.

(3) Requests for approval of any such agreements shall be accompanied by supporting cost information in the detail and format prescribed by the state director.

(4) Enrollments generated by courses utilizing shared funding shall be eligible for state funding support subject to review and approval by the state director, but shall be discounted to the proportion that the state fund support provided for the services bears to the cost of the program.

(5) Tuition and fees for such courses, classes, or programs shall be charged consistent with WAC 131-28-025 and 131-28-026.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.50.140(17), 81-14-023 (Order 88, Resolution No. 81-32), § 131-32-020, filed 6/25/81.]

**WAC 131-32-030 Interdistrict instructional program arrangements.** (1) When circumstances warrant, two or more community college districts may agree to allow one district to offer courses, special events, or other community service activities within the service area of the other district.

(2) Arrangements for interdistrict course(s) or program(s) offerings shall be formalized through written agreements between the cooperating college districts.

(3) A copy of the written agreement shall be filed with the office of the director for community college education.

(4) The college district providing the service shall maintain general administrative jurisdiction over the course(s) or program(s), including fees and other charges, instructor selection and remuneration, fiscal control and accounting, and enrollment reporting.

(5) Public announcements regarding such course(s) or program(s) shall describe the cooperative nature of the venture.

(6) In the event of a dispute related to interdistrict program arrangements and when in the judgment of the state board there are compelling reasons for intervention, the state board will make a final determination in the matter pursuant to authority granted in RCW 28B.50.090(11).

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.50.090(11) and 28B.50.060, 86-22-028 (Order 112, Resolution No. 86-45), § 131-32-030, filed 10/30/86.]

**WAC 131-32-035 Interdistrict joint program offerings.** (1) Two or more community college districts may enter into agreements to offer jointly courses, programs or other community service activities.

(2) Agreements covering joint offerings shall specify, in addition to the items required by chapter 39.34 RCW, the Interlocal Cooperation Act, procedures for instructor selection and remuneration, the basis for assessing fees and other charges, admissions, and registration policies, and the method by which enrollment will be reported.

(3) A copy of the written agreement shall be filed with the office of the director for community college education.

(4) Public announcements regarding such programs shall describe the cooperative nature of the venture.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.50.090(11) and 28B.50.060, 86-22-028 (Order 112, Resolution No. 86-45), § 131-32-035, filed 10/30/86.]

**WAC 131-32-040 Dissemination of course and enrollment information.** (1) For the purposes of this section, "recruitment" is defined as information and activities which attempt to persuade potential students to attend a certain college—information used to compete for enrollment. "Information" is defined as the factual description of course availabilities, enrollment requirements, and college characteristics. However, excessive dissemination of what would otherwise be construed as legitimate course and enrollment information is viewed as competition or recruitment.

(2) In general, it is not the policy of the community colleges to compete with each other or with other institutions of higher education for enrollment. It is the general policy of the community colleges to inform the citizens of their districts of the programs and services it makes available to them.

(3) The Community College Act (RCW 28B.50.020) requires the community college system to offer a comprehensive program of educational service "to every citizen." Traditional methods of informing potential students—i.e., communication with high school counselors and students—reach only a small proportion of the potential community college enrollment, less than fifteen percent a year. In order to reach the rest of its potential student body—which is essentially the adult population at large—the community college utilizes mass media dissemination, principally of quarterly course announcements.

(4) Mass dissemination of unsolicited course and enrollment information shall be held within district boundaries except where postal and media distribution patterns prohibit. Exceptions include regional activities such as fairs, high school-college days, and public exhibits in which the college is invited to participate. It is appropriate for a community college to make known to the citizens of its district courses and programs offered exclusively by neighboring districts.

(5) It is appropriate to provide each adult citizen in the district with course and enrollment information once during each quarter on an unsolicited basis. In heavily populated areas, budgetary considerations may rule out such total distribution. Quarterly course announcements should be prepared and distributed in a way that provides the best balance between minimum cost and maximum dissemination of course information to district citizens. However, dissemination of such announcements at college expense to persons other than those requesting them shall be limited to one of the following methods:

- Mailing to district boxholders (direct mail)
- Newspaper advertisement
- Newspaper insert
- Other method of mass distribution

It may be appropriate for one district to disseminate quarterly course announcements to boxholders or recipients of newspaper inserts residing in other districts. Such

arrangements shall not take place until both districts have agreed to the arrangement in writing.

(6) News releases and free public service announcements are an appropriate method of calling attention to new programs or to space availability in existing courses and programs. Public service announcements and news releases shall not be sent to media outside the college district except in those areas where more than one institution is served by the same primary media.

(7) Publications which provide factual information on specific instructional programs, on special programs or on special services provide an efficient method of responding to inquiries from potential students. Their unsolicited dissemination shall be limited to the district of origin.

(8) Districts may purchase advertising to provide supplementary course and registration announcements when it can be demonstrated that paid advertising is more cost-effective than other methods. In areas where media serve more than one community college district, community colleges should give preference to pooled advertisements rather than individual college advertisements to attract enrollment. Paid advertising shall not be placed with media outside the college district except in areas where more than one institution is served by the same primary news media.

(9) In the event that state-funded enrollments are generated through interdistrict recruiting efforts that are contrary to the provisions of this section, the operating budget allocation of the intruding district may be adjusted by action of the state board. Budget allocation adjustments shall be determined by deducting funding attributable to enrollments generated by activities contrary to this section. The state board shall take into consideration the number of interdistrict enrollments that reasonably could have been expected to occur regardless of the interdistrict recruiting effort. At the request of either district that is party to an interdistrict recruiting dispute, the state board shall hold a hearing on the issues at dispute. The hearing will be held under the provisions of WAC 131-08-007. The board as a result of such hearings may approve a settlement that contains alternatives to the provisions of this section.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.50.090(11) and 28B.50.060. 86-22-028 (Order 112, Resolution No. 86-45), § 131-32-040, filed 10/30/86.]

### Chapter 131-36 WAC

#### INSTITUTIONAL LONG-TERM LOAN FUND

##### WAC

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**WAC 131-36-010 Purpose and intent.** (1) The purpose of chapter 131-36 WAC is to implement the institutional long-term loan program established by section 9, chapter 257, Laws of 1981.

(2) It is the intent of this chapter to provide for a loan program that will be operational in all Washington community colleges no later than spring quarter, 1982.

[Statutory Authority: 1981 c 257. 81-19-113 (Order 90, Resolution 81-66), § 131-36-010, filed 9/23/81.]

**WAC 131-36-050 Definitions.** For the purposes of chapter 131-36 WAC, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) "Fund" shall mean the institutional long-term loan fund established by section 9, chapter 257, Laws of 1981.

(2) "Private financial institution" shall mean an eligible lender as defined by the rules of the WSLGA.

(3) "Uniform methodology" shall mean the method of determining financial need based on a comparison of assets and income with estimated costs of college attendance as prescribed by the United States department of education.

(4) "WSLGA" shall mean the Washington student loan guarantee association, a private student loan guaranteeing association authorized to guarantee loans granted pursuant to 20 U.S. Code Section 1071.

(5) "Operational" shall mean that the institution has been approved as a lender and is eligible to provide loans guaranteed by the WSLGA.

[Statutory Authority: 1981 c 257. 81-19-113 (Order 90, Resolution 81-66), § 131-36-050, filed 9/23/81.]

**WAC 131-36-100 Eligibility.** (1) Loans from the fund shall be made only to resident, needy students who are enrolled for six or more credit hours of instruction or the equivalent thereof, except as otherwise provided in this section.

(2) The following individuals who have been granted statutory resident status for tuition and fee purposes pursuant to RCW 28B.15.014 and 28B.15.553 shall not be eligible to receive loans from the fund:

(a) Persons employed twenty hours or more per week at a Washington public higher education institution and their children and spouses;

(b) Military and federal employees residing or stationed in the state of Washington and their children or spouses;

(c) Veterans, as defined by RCW 41.04.005, whose final permanent duty station was in the state of Washington, so long as such veteran is receiving federal vocational or educational benefits concurred by virtue of his or her military service;

(d) Nonimmigrant aliens residing in the state of Washington pursuant to a treaty of commerce and navigation and their children and spouses.

(3) No individual shall be eligible for a loan from the fund unless he or she shall have applied for and been unable to obtain an educational loan from at least one private financial institution in the state of Washington

known to be granting or with a record of having granted such loans.

(4) Students seeking loans from the fund shall provide the college with either a letter of denial from a private financial institution or with an affidavit attesting to such denial if unable to obtain evidence of denial in writing.

(5) No individual shall be eligible for loans from the fund if currently in default on any WSLGA or other federally guaranteed loan.

[Statutory Authority: 1981 c 257, 81-19-113 (Order 90, Resolution 81-66), § 131-36-100, filed 9/23/81.]

#### **WAC 131-36-150 Limitation on amount of loans.**

(1) No loans shall be made from the fund in an amount that exceeds the demonstrated financial need of an eligible student.

(2) For purposes of this section, demonstrated financial need shall be the amount determined by application of uniform methodology as defined by WAC 131-36-050(3).

[Statutory Authority: 1981 c 257, 81-19-113 (Order 90, Resolution 81-66), § 131-36-150, filed 9/23/81.]

#### **WAC 131-36-200 Terms and conditions of loans.**

(1) The terms and conditions of loans made from the fund, including, but not limited to, maximum annual loan amount, maximum aggregate loan amount, loan initiation fee, guarantee fee, repayment, cancellation, consolidation of loans, deferment, default, and forbearance shall be the same as those set forth by the WSLGA and federal guaranteed student loan regulations.

(2) All loans granted from the fund for periods in excess of one academic quarter shall be disbursed in quarterly installments through proration of the total loan amount.

[Statutory Authority: 1981 c 257, 81-19-113 (Order 90, Resolution 81-66), § 131-36-200, filed 9/23/81.]

**WAC 131-36-250 Initiating, servicing, and collecting loans.** (1) Community colleges shall utilize the loan collecting and servicing agency designated by the state board for community college education and the WSLGA.

(2) The state director of community colleges shall determine and designate on behalf of the state board an appropriate entity to conduct servicing and collection activities with regard to loans made from the fund.

(3) The state director of community colleges shall, when he determines that it is in the best interest of the college system, determine and designate on behalf of the state board an appropriate entity to perform loan initiation activities and transaction reporting regarding loans made from the fund.

(4) Subsequent to granting loans from the fund each college shall cooperate with the WSLGA and the servicing and collection agency through informing students of their rights and responsibilities regarding such loans; timely provision of student status verification information and information pertaining to determinations of default, forbearance, and deferment of loans; consolidation of loans; and records maintenance.

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[Statutory Authority: 1981 c 257, 81-19-113 (Order 90, Resolution 81-66), § 131-36-250, filed 9/23/81.]

**WAC 131-36-300 Investment of fund principal.** (1) Moneys in the fund not committed to loans may be invested by each college for periods of time not inconsistent with the efficient operation of the loan program, provided that such investments may be made only after all eligible students have been afforded a reasonable opportunity to apply for loans from the fund.

(2) Investment of moneys from the fund shall be confined to certificates, notes, or bonds of the United States or other obligations of the United States or its agencies, or of any corporation wholly owned by the government of the United States.

(3) Colleges shall comply with all other laws or regulations regarding the investment of state funds when investing uncommitted portions of the fund.

(4) Interest earned through such investments shall be credited to the fund.

[Statutory Authority: 1981 c 257, 81-19-113 (Order 90, Resolution 81-66), § 131-36-300, filed 9/23/81.]

### **Chapter 131-40 WAC**

#### **EMPLOYEE PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES**

##### **WAC**

131-40-010 Political activities of state board staff.  
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**WAC 131-40-010 Political activities of state board staff.** In the belief that citizen involvement in public affairs is basic to the effective functioning of government at all levels, it shall be the general policy of the state board for community college education to encourage the participation of employees of the office of the state board in public affairs and the full exercise of their privileges and duties as citizens.

The purpose of the following provisions is to provide guidance to employees of the state board so that they may engage in political activity in a manner consistent with the policies of other state agencies, the laws of the state of Washington, and the United States code sections covering political activity of state employees engaged in activities funded in whole or in part by federal funds. Both classified and exempt employees shall be governed by these provisions.

(1) Solicitation for any partisan political purpose or any compulsory assessment or involuntary contribution is prohibited on state property.

(2) Employees shall have the right to vote and to express their opinions on all political subjects and candidates.

(3) Nothing in this section shall prohibit appointment, nomination or election or part-time public office in a political subdivision of the state when the holding of such office is not incompatible with, nor substantially interferes with, the discharge of official duties in state employment.

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(4) Nothing in this section shall prohibit appointment, nomination or election to public office at the federal level, provided that upon such appointment or election to a full-time position the employee shall resign his state board position without claim of reinstatement and provided further that the requirements of the Hatch Act are met.

(5) The rules and regulations of the United States Civil Service Commission that pertain to political activities shall apply to any person employed through or otherwise engaged in the administration or operation of federal grant programs.

[Order 32, § 131-40-010, filed 12/13/74; Order 20, § 131-40-010, filed 12/4/73.]

**WAC 131-40-020 Political activities, candidates for office.** The following provisions shall apply to employees who are candidates for appointment or election to public office or who seek to participate in campaigns for constitutional amendments, referendums, initiatives, other similar activities, or candidates for nonpartisan public offices.

(1) Employees may engage in political activity as set forth above without reduction in salary and status when in the judgment of the state director appropriate arrangements can be made to ensure that the individual's assigned duties are effectively discharged.

(2) When in the judgment of the state director circumstances warrant, an employee shall be granted a leave of absence without pay or authority to use accrued annual vacation leave to engage in such political activity.

(3) The employee shall also be entitled to receive a reduced assignment and pay status in order to engage in such political activity when in the judgment of the state director such reduced work status will not substantially interfere with the effectiveness of his office and the function of the state board.

(4) If the employee concerned is the director or deputy director, the state board shall make the determination required above.

[Order 20, § 131-40-020, filed 12/4/73.]

## Chapter 131-276 WAC

### PUBLIC RECORDS

#### WAC

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**WAC 131-276-010 Purpose.** The purpose of this chapter shall be to ensure compliance by the state board for community college education with the provisions of chapter 1, Laws of 1973 (Initiative 276), Disclosure—Campaign finances—Lobbying—Records; and in particular with sections 25-32 of that act, dealing with public records.

[Order 18, § 131-276-010, filed 7/2/73.]

**WAC 131-276-020 Definitions.** (1) **PUBLIC RECORDS.** "Public record" includes any writing containing information relating to the conduct of governmental or the performance of any governmental or proprietary function prepared, owned, used or retained by any state or local agency regardless of physical form or characteristics.

(2) **WRITING.** "Writing" means handwriting, type-writing, printing, photostating, photographing, and every other means of recording any form of communication or representation, including letters, words, pictures, sounds; or symbols, or combination thereof, and all papers, maps, magnetic or paper tapes, photographic films and prints, magnetic or punched cards, discs, drums and other documents.

(3) **STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE EDUCATION.** The state board for community college education is an agency organized by statute pursuant to RCW 28B.50.050. The state board for community college education shall hereafter be referred to as the "board." Where appropriate, the term board also refers to the staff and employees of the board.

[Order 18, § 131-276-020, filed 7/2/73.]

**WAC 131-276-030 Description of organization of the state board for community college education.** The state board for community college education is a state agency organized under RCW 28B.50.050. The administrative office of the board and its staff are located at the WEA Building, 319 East 7th Avenue, Olympia, Washington.

[Order 18, § 131-276-030, filed 7/2/73.]

**WAC 131-276-040 Operations and procedures.** The board is established under RCW 28B.50.050 to implement the educational and administrative purposes established by RCW 28B.50.090 and 28B.50.020. The board is operated under the supervision and control of a board of trustees. The board of trustees is made up of seven members appointed by the governor for a term of four years. The trustees meet in regular meetings as published in the Washington Administrative Code unless public notice is given of a special meeting. At such time, the board exercises the powers and duties granted it under RCW 28B.50.090 and other provisions of the laws of Washington.

[Order 18, § 131-276-040, filed 7/2/73.]

**WAC 131-276-050 Public records available.** All public records of the board, as defined in WAC 131-276-020 are deemed to be available for public inspection

and copying pursuant to these rules, except as otherwise provided by section 31, chapter 1, Laws of 1973 and WAC 131-276-100.

[Order 18, § 131-276-050, filed 7/2/73.]

**WAC 131-276-060 Public records officer.** The board's public records shall be in the charge of the public records officer designated by the board director. The person so designated shall be located in the administrative office of the board. The public records officer shall be responsible for the following: The implementation of the board's rules and regulations regarding release of public records, coordinating the staff of the board in this regard, and generally insuring compliance by the staff with the public records disclosure requirements of chapter 1, Laws of 1973.

[Order 18, § 131-276-060, filed 7/2/73.]

**WAC 131-276-070 Office hours.** Public records shall be available for inspection and copying during the customary office hours of the board. For the purposes of this chapter, the customary office hours shall be from 9:00 a.m. to noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

[Order 18, § 131-276-070, filed 7/2/73.]

**WAC 131-276-080 Requests for public records.** In accordance with requirements of chapter 1, Laws of 1973 that agencies prevent unreasonable invasions of privacy, protect public records from damage or disorganization, and prevent excessive interference with essential functions of the agency, public records may be inspected or copied or copies of such records may be obtained, by members of the public, upon compliance with the following procedures:

(1) A request shall be made in writing upon a form prescribed by the board which shall be available at its administrative office. The form shall be presented to the public records officer; or to any member of the board's staff, if the public records officer is not available, at the administrative office of the board during customary office hours. The request shall include the following information:

- (a) The name of the person requesting the record;
- (b) The time of day and calendar date on which the request was made;
- (c) The nature of the request;
- (d) If the matter requested is referenced within the current index maintained by the records officer, a reference to the requested record as it is described in such current index;
- (e) If the requested matter is not identifiable by reference to the board's current index, an appropriate description of the record requested.

(2) In all cases in which a member of the public is making a request, it shall be the obligation of the public records officer or staff member to whom the request is made, to assist the member of the public in appropriately identifying the public record requested.

[Order 18, § 131-276-080, filed 7/2/73.]

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**WAC 131-276-090 Copying.** No fee shall be charged for the inspection of public records. The board shall charge a fee of 10¢ per page of copy for providing copies of public records and for use of the board's copy equipment. This charge is the amount necessary to reimburse the board for its actual costs incident to such copying. If a particular request for copies requires an unusually large amount of time, or the use of any equipment not readily available, the board will provide copies at a rate sufficient to cover any additional cost. All fees must be paid by money order, cashier's check or cash in advance.

[Order 18, § 131-276-090, filed 7/2/73.]

**WAC 131-276-100 Exemptions.** (1) The board reserves the right to determine that a public record requested in accordance with the procedures outlined in WAC 131-276-080 is exempt under the provisions of section 31, chapter 1, Laws of 1973.

(2) In addition, pursuant to section 26, chapter 1, Laws of 1973, the board reserves the right to delete identifying details when it makes available or publishes any public record, in any cases when there is reason to believe that disclosure of such details would be an invasion of personal privacy protected by chapter 1, Laws of 1973. The public records officer will fully justify such deletion in writing.

(3) All denials of requests for public records must be accompanied by a written statement specifying the reason for the denial, including a statement of the specific exemption authorizing the withholding of the record and a brief explanation of how the exemption applies to the record withheld.

[Order 18, § 131-276-100, filed 7/2/73.]

**WAC 131-276-110 Review of denials of public record requests.** (1) Any person who objects to the denial of a request for a public record may petition for prompt review of such decision by tendering a written request for review. The written request shall specifically refer to the written statement by the public records officer or other staff member which constituted or accompanied the denial.

(2) Immediately after receiving a written request for review of a decision denying a public record, the public records officer or other staff member denying the request shall refer it to the director of the board. The director or his designee shall immediately consider the matter and either affirm or reverse such denial or consult with the attorney general to review the denial. In any case, the request shall be returned with a final decision, within two business days following the original denial.

(3) Administrative remedies shall not be considered exhausted until the board has returned the petition with a decision or until the close of the second business day following denial of inspection, whichever occurs first.

[Order 18, § 131-276-110, filed 7/2/73.]

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WAC 131-276-120 Protection of public records. Requests for public records shall be made in the board offices, WEA Building, 319 East 7th Avenue, Olympia, Washington. Public records and a facility for their inspection will be provided by the public records officer. Such records shall not be removed from the place designated for their inspection. Copies shall be made at the board offices. If copying facilities are not available at the board office, the board will arrange to have copies made commercially according to the provisions of WAC 131-276-090.

[Order 18, § 131-276-120, filed 7/2/73.]

WAC 131-276-130 Records index. (1) INDEX. The board has available to all persons a current index which provides identifying information as to the following records issued, adopted or promulgated since June 30, 1972.

- "(a) Final opinions, including concurring and dissenting opinions, as well as orders, made in the adjudication of cases;
"(b) Those statements of policy and interpretations of policy, statute and the Constitution which have been adopted by the agency;
"(c) Administrative staff manuals and instructions to staff that affect a member of the public;
"(d) Planning policies and goals, and interim and final planning decisions;
"(e) Factual staff reports and studies, factual consultant's reports and studies, scientific reports and studies, and any other factual information derived from tests, studies, reports or surveys, whether conducted by public employees or others; and
"(f) Correspondence, and materials referred to therein, by and with the agency relating to any regulatory, supervisory or enforcement responsibilities of the agency, whereby the agency determines, or opines upon, or is asked to determine or opine upon, the rights of the state, the public, a subdivision of state government, or of any private party."

(2) AVAILABILITY. The current index promulgated by the board shall be available to all persons under the same rules and on the same conditions as are applied to public records available for inspection.

[Order 18, § 131-276-130, filed 7/2/73.]

WAC 131-276-140 Adoption of form. The district hereby adopts for use by all persons requesting inspection and/or copying or copies of its records, the form attached hereto as Appendix A, entitled "Request for public record."

[Order 18, § 131-276-140, filed 7/2/73.]

WAC 131-276-990 Appendix A--Request for public record to state board for community college education.

APPENDIX "A"

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC RECORD TO STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE EDUCATION

(a) Signature Signature (Please Print)

Name of Organization, if Applicable
Mailing Address of Applicant Phone Number
(b) Date Request Made at State Board for Community College Education Time of Day Request Made
(c) Nature of request
(d) Identification Reference on Current Index Please Describe
(e) Description of Record, or Matter, Requested if not Identifiable by Reference to the State Board for Community College Education Current Index
Request: Approved By Date Public Records Officer
Denied Date
Reasons for Denial:
Referred to Date By Public Records Officer

[Order 18, Appendix A (Codified as WAC 131-276-990), filed 7/2/73.]