

WAC 308-10-005 Authority and purpose. (1) RCW 42.56.070(1) requires each agency to make available for inspection and copying non-exempt "public records" in accordance with published rules. The act defines "public record" to include any "writing containing information relating to the conduct of government or the performance of any governmental or proprietary function prepared, owned, used, or retained" by the agency.

(2) The purpose of these rules is to establish the procedures the department of licensing will follow in order to provide full access to public records. These rules provide information to persons wishing to request access to public records of the department of licensing and establish processes for both requestors and the department of licensing staff that are designed to best assist members of the public in obtaining such access.

(3) The purpose of the act is to provide the public full access to information concerning the conduct of government, mindful of individuals' privacy rights and the desirability of the efficient administration of government. The act and these rules will be interpreted in favor of disclosure. In carrying out its responsibilities under the act, the department of licensing will be guided by the provisions of the act describing its purposes and interpretation.

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