

**Chapter 196-29 WAC
PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES**

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WAC 196-29-110 Land surveying practice standards. Failure by any registrant to comply with the provisions of the Survey Recording Act, chapter 58.09 RCW and the survey standards, chapter 332-130 WAC shall be considered misconduct or malpractice as defined by RCW 18.43.105(10).

The following standards shall also apply:

(1) The monumentation, posting, and/or the marking of a boundary line between two existing corner monuments constitutes the "practice of land surveying" as defined in chapter 18.43 RCW and chapter 196-16 WAC, and consequently requires said work to be performed under the direct supervision of a registered professional land surveyor.

(2) The field survey work performed to accomplish the monumentation, posting, and marking of a boundary line between two existing corner monuments shall meet the minimum standards imposed by chapter 332-130 WAC.

(3) The monumentation, posting, and/or marking of a boundary line between two existing corner monuments involves a determination of the accuracy and validity of the existing monuments by the use of standard survey methods and professional judgment.

(4) The monumentation, posting, and marking of a boundary line between two existing corner monuments shall require the filing of a record of survey according to chapter 58.09 RCW unless both corners satisfy one or both of the following requirements:

(a) The corner(s) are shown as being established on a properly recorded or filed survey according to chapter 58.09 RCW and are accurately and correctly shown thereon.

(b) The corner(s) are described correctly, accurately, and properly on a land corner record according to chapter 58.09 RCW if their establishment was by a method not requiring the filing of a record of survey.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.43.035. WSR 17-01-137, § 196-29-110, filed 12/20/16, effective 1/20/17; WSR 06-22-038, § 196-29-110, filed 10/25/06, effective 11/25/06. Formerly WAC 196-24-110.]

WAC 196-29-200 Federal employee exemption. (1) Under RCW 18.43.130(6) the provisions of the act shall not be construed to prevent or affect the practice of officers or employees of the government of the United States while engaged within the state in the practice of the profession of engineering or land surveying for the government of the United States; provided:

(a) That all work performed is for the exclusive use of the federal government; and

(b) That all work performed is wholly contained within the confines of lands held by the federal government (federal enclave).

(2) Any engineering work that is performed and/or constructed for the benefit of a private citizen or business entity, even if directly adjoining lands held by the federal government, must be performed by

or under the direct supervision of an engineer licensed in accordance with the requirements of chapter 18.43 RCW.

(3) Any surveying work that is performed for boundaries between lands held by the federal government and lands held by a private citizen or business entity, must be performed by or under the direct supervision of a land surveyor licensed in accordance with the requirements of chapter 18.43 RCW or under the authority of the Secretary of the Interior through special instructions approved by the Bureau of Land Management.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.43.035. WSR 10-01-199, § 196-29-200, filed 12/23/09, effective 1/23/10.]