

WAC 246-337-010 Licensing. An applicant may not open or operate an RTF until all requirements for licensure set forth in this section are met and the department has issued an initial, renewed, or amended RTF license listing the service type(s) approved to be provided in the RTF.

(1) Initial licensure. An applicant for an initial RTF license must submit to the department:

(a) A completed application on form(s) provided by the department, signed by the owner or legal designee;

(b) Disclosure statements and criminal history background checks obtained within the previous three months of the application date for the administrator in accordance with WAC 246-337-055;

(c) The license fee specified in WAC 246-337-990;

(d) Policies and procedures in compliance with chapter 71.12 RCW and this chapter for review and approval by the department;

(e) A completed construction review application and fee, and functional program plan according to WAC 246-337-040;

(f) Written approval of the chief of the Washington state patrol, through the director of fire protection, as required by RCW 71.12.485 and chapter 212-12 WAC; and

(g) Other information as required by the department.

(2) An RTF license is effective for one year from the date it is issued.

(3) License renewal. At least thirty calendar days before the expiration date of the current license, the licensee must submit to the department:

(a) A completed application on form(s) provided by the department;

(b) Disclosure statements and criminal history background checks obtained within the previous three months of the application date for the administrator in accordance with WAC 246-337-055;

(c) The renewal fee specified in WAC 246-337-990;

(d) Written approval from the chief of the Washington state patrol, through the director of fire protection, as required by RCW 71.12.485 and chapter 212-12 WAC; and

(e) Other information as required by the department.

(4) License amendment. Prior to changing any of the service type(s) provided in the facility, number of resident beds, location or use of rooms, the physical structure of the facility, a change in the administrator, or a change in address, the licensee must submit to the department:

(a) Notification in writing of the intended change;

(b) A completed application on form(s) provided by the department;

(c) The administrative fee and other applicable fee(s) specified in WAC 246-337-990;

(d) A request to the department to determine the need for review by the department's construction review services and Washington state fire marshal;

(e) If changing service type, policies and procedures in compliance with chapter 71.12 RCW and this chapter for review and approval by the department; and

(f) If changing administrators, disclosure statements and criminal history background checks obtained within the previous three months of the application date for the administrator in accordance with WAC 246-337-055.

(5) Change of ownership. Prior to selling, leasing, renting or otherwise transferring control of an RTF that results in a change of the state Uniform Business Identifier Number, the licensee must submit to the department:

(a) The full name and address of the current licensee and prospective licensee;

(b) The name and address of the licensed RTF and the name under which the RTF will operate;

(c) Date of the proposed change;

(d) Plans for preserving resident records, consistent with WAC 246-337-095; and

(e) Other information as required by the department.

(6) A prospective new RTF owner shall apply for licensure by complying with subsection (1) of this section.

(7) An RTF license is not transferable.

(8) The licensee shall:

(a) Maintain and post a current RTF license in a conspicuous place on the premises;

(b) Provide services limited to each department approved service type; and

(c) Maintain the occupancy level not exceeding the licensed resident bed capacity of the RTF.

(9) Prior to issuing, renewing, or amending a license, the department shall:

(a) Review and approve the licensing application;

(b) Review and approve RTF policies and procedures according to this chapter, as applicable;

(c) Verify compliance with RTF construction standards according to this chapter, as applicable;

(d) Obtain written verification of compliance with RCW 71.12.485 and chapter 212-12 WAC administered by the Washington state patrol fire marshal fire protection service, as applicable; and

(e) Determine whether the applicant or licensee meets the requirements in chapter 71.12 RCW and this chapter.

(10) The department may issue a single RTF license to include two or more buildings on the same campus if the applicant or licensee:

(a) Meets the licensure requirements of chapter 71.12 RCW and this chapter; and

(b) Operates the multiple buildings as a single integrated system with governance by a single authority or body over all staff and buildings.

(11) For the purposes of this section, "campus" means an area where all of the RTF's buildings are located on contiguous properties undivided by:

(a) Public streets, not including alleyways used primarily for delivery services or parking; or

(b) Other land that is not owned and maintained by the owners of the property on which the facility is located.

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