

WSR 24-24-019
EXPEDITED RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 24-15—Filed November 22, 2024, 12:03 p.m.]

Title of Rule and Other Identifying Information: The Washington department of fish and wildlife (department) seeks to make changes to chapter 220-120 WAC, Public records.

Purpose of the Proposal and Its Anticipated Effects, Including Any Changes in Existing Rules: The purpose of this proposed rule is to provide guidance to the public on the new requirements concerning the costs of providing public records following the implementation of body-worn cameras for the department's law enforcement officers. The use of body-worn cameras began on September 1, 2024. The rule proposal will also clarify administrative procedures that will not change the effect of the current rule.

Reasons Supporting Proposal: The department needs to amend and update rules in chapter 220-120 WAC to accommodate the recent implementation of the use of body-worn cameras by the department's law enforcement officers and other administrative requirements. The department previously undertook a fee study in 2024 to research the reasonable costs for producing records requested for body-worn cameras.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, and 77.2.047 [77.12.047].

Statute Being Implemented: RCW 42.56.040, 77.04.012, 77.04.013.

Name of Proponent: Washington department of fish and wildlife, governmental.

Name of Agency Personnel Responsible for Drafting, Implementation, and Enforcement: Anne Masias, 1111 Washington Street S.E., Olympia, WA 98501, 360-706-3325.

This notice meets the following criteria to use the expedited adoption process for these rules:

Adopts or incorporates by reference without material change federal statutes or regulations, Washington state statutes, rules of other Washington state agencies, shoreline master programs other than those programs governing shorelines of statewide significance, or, as referenced by Washington state law, national consensus codes that generally establish industry standards, if the material adopted or incorporated regulates the same subject matter and conduct as the adopting or incorporating rule.

Corrects typographical errors, makes address or name changes, or clarifies language of a rule without changing its effect.

Explanation of the Reason the Agency Believes the Expedited Rule-Making Process is Appropriate: Expedited rule making is appropriate because the proposed rule making corrects rule language as well as clarifies and updates administrative processes without changing the rules' effect.

NOTICE

THIS RULE IS BEING PROPOSED UNDER AN EXPEDITED RULE-MAKING PROCESS THAT WILL ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR THE AGENCY TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS, PREPARE A SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT, OR PROVIDE RESPONSES TO THE CRITERIA FOR A SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATIVE RULE. IF YOU OBJECT TO THIS USE OF THE EXPEDITED RULE-MAKING PROCESS, YOU MUST EXPRESS YOUR OBJECTIONS IN WRITING AND THEY MUST BE SENT TO Scott Bird,

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, P.O. Box 43200, Olympia, WA 98501-3200, phone 1-855-925-2801, project code 10900, fax 360-902-2155, email 2024PublicrecordsCR105@publicinput.com or rules.coordinator@dfw.wa.gov, <https://publicinput.com/2024publicrecords>, BEGINNING November 22, 2024, AND RECEIVED BY February 4, 2025.

November 22, 2024
Scott Bird
Rules Coordinator

OTS-5975.2

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 17-05-112, filed 2/15/17, effective 3/18/17)

WAC 220-120-030 Public records available. (1) Some records may be available on the department's website at <http://wdfw.wa.gov>. Requestors are encouraged to search for and view records on the department's website (~~in lieu~~) instead of or (~~prior to~~) before making a public records request.

(2) Public records are available for inspection and copying from 9:00 a.m. to noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays, by appointment only. Based on other demands on the agency and/or the nature of the requested records, the public records officer may limit the hours during which particular public records are available for inspection and copying.

(3) Records must be inspected at the offices of the department and may not be removed from department offices. The majority of public records are located at the department's central office, although some may be located in other locations, including the regional offices.

(4) Requestors should contact the public records officer to determine the location and availability of records.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 18-07-080, filed 3/19/18, effective 4/19/18)

WAC 220-120-040 Requests for public records. (1) Any person (~~wishing to inspect or copy public records of the department must make the request in writing on the department's request form, or by letter or email to the office or email address set forth in WAC 220-120-020(2)~~) requesting the department's public records should make their request in writing by mail or email or on the department's request form that is accessible on the department's internet page. The written request by mail or email must be addressed and sent to the public records officer as set forth in WAC 220-120-020(2) and include the following information:

- (a) Name of the requestor;
- (b) Address of the requestor;
- (c) Other contact information, including telephone number and email address, if the requestor has one;

(d) Identification of the public records sought, in a form or description that is adequate for the public records officer to identify and locate the records; and

(e) The date and time of day of the request.

(2) If the requestor wishes to have copies of the records made, whether hard copy or electronic, instead of inspecting them, (~~he or she~~) the requestor must so indicate in the request.

(3) A public records request form is available to requestors at the office of the public records officer and at the department's website at <http://wdfw.wa.gov>.

(4) The records retention schedule established by the division of state archives of the office of the secretary of state serves as an index for the identification and location of the department records including those described in RCW 42.56.070(5). The records retention schedule can be found at either the department's website or the secretary of state's website.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 18-07-080, filed 3/19/18, effective 4/19/18)

WAC 220-120-050 Processing requests for public records. (1) **Order of processing public records requests.** The public records officer will process requests in the order allowing the greatest number of requests to be processed in the most efficient manner.

(2) **Acknowledging receipt of request.** Within five business days of receipt of the request, the public records officer will do one or more of the following:

(a) Provide the records or provide a web link to the records;

(b) Send the copies to the requestor if copies are requested and payment of a deposit for the copies, if any, is made or terms of payment are agreed upon;

(c) Acknowledge that the department has received the request, ask for clarification if the request is unclear, and provide a reasonable estimate of time required to respond to the request; or

(d) Deny the request.

(3) **If no response is received.** If the public records officer does not respond in writing within five business days of receipt of the request for disclosure, the requestor should contact the public records officer to ensure that the department received the request.

(4) **Protecting the rights of others.** In the event that the requested public records contain information that may affect rights of others and may, therefore, be exempt from disclosure, the public records officer may, prior to providing the records, give notice to such others whose rights may be affected by the disclosure. Such notice should be given so as to make it possible for those other persons to seek a court order to prevent or limit the disclosure. The notice to the affected persons may include a copy of the request.

(5) **Records exemption from disclosure.** Some records are exempt from disclosure, in whole or in part, as provided in chapter 42.56 RCW and in other statutes. If the department believes that a record is exempt from disclosure and should be withheld, the public records officer will state the specific exemption and provide a brief explanation of why the records or a portion of the record is being withheld. If only a portion of a record is exempt from disclosure, but the remainder is not exempt, the public records officer will redact the exempt

portions, provide the nonexempt portions, and indicate to the requestor why portions of the record are being redacted.

(6) Inspections of records.

(a) Consistent with other demands, the department will promptly provide space to inspect public records it has assembled in response to a properly submitted public records request. No member of the public may remove a document from the viewing area or disassemble or alter any document. If, after inspecting a record or records, the requestor wishes to receive a copy of a particular record or records, he or she should so indicate to the public records officer. Copies will be provided pursuant to subsection (7) of this section.

(b) The requestor must inspect the assembled records within (~~fourteen~~) 14 days of the department's notification to him or her that the records are available for inspection or copying. The department will notify the requestor in writing of this requirement and inform the requestor that he or she should contact the department to make arrangements to inspect the records. If the requestor fails to inspect the records within the (~~fourteen~~) 14-day period or make other arrangements, the department may close the request and refile the assembled records. If the requestor subsequently files the same or a substantially similar request, that subsequent request will be considered a new request and will be processed in the order allowing the greatest number of requests to be processed in the most efficient manner.

(7) Providing copies of records.

(a) Upon request, the department will provide copies of requested records. Copies may be provided in either hard copy or electronic format, as requested. The cost for copies is set forth in WAC 220-120-060. If a requestor wishes to obtain a copy of a particular record or records after inspecting records, he or she should so indicate to the public records officer, who will make the requested copies or arrange for copying.

(b) Copies may be mailed or emailed to the requestor, or made available for pickup at the department's offices. If the copies are available for pickup at the department's offices, the requestor must pay for the copies within (~~fourteen~~) 14 days of the department's notification to him or her that the copies are available for pickup. The department will notify the requestor in writing of this requirement and inform the requestor that he or she should contact the department to make arrangements to pay for and pick up the copies. If the requestor fails to pay for or pick up the copies within the (~~fourteen~~) 14-day period, or fails to make other arrangements, the department may close the request. If the requestor subsequently files the same or a substantially similar request, that subsequent request will be considered a new request and will be processed in the order allowing the greatest number of requests to be processed in the most efficient manner.

(8) Electronic records. The process for requesting electronic public records is the same as for requesting paper public records. When a person requests records in an electronic format, the public records officer will provide the nonexempt records, or portions of such records that are reasonably locatable, in an electronic format that is used by the agency and is generally commercially available, or in a format that is reasonably translatable from the format in which the agency keeps the record.

(9) Providing records in installments. When the request is for a large number of records, the public records officer may make the re-

records available for inspection, or provide copies of the records in installments if ((he or she)) the public records officer reasonably determines it would be practical to provide the records in that manner.

(10) **Closing a withdrawn or abandoned request.** If the requestor either withdraws the request or fails to fulfill ((his or her)) the obligations to inspect the records or pay the deposit or final payment for the requested copies, then the public records officer may close the request.

(11) **Completion of inspection.** When the inspection of the requested records is complete and all requested copies are provided, the public records officer will indicate that the department has completed a diligent search for the requested records and has made any located, nonexempt records available for inspection. Thereafter, the public records officer may close the request.

(12) **Later discovered documents.** If, after the department informs the requestor that it has provided all available records, the public records officer becomes aware of additional responsive documents within one year that existed at the time of the request, the public records officer will promptly inform the requestor of the additional documents and make them available for inspection or provide copies on an expedited basis.

(13) **Failure to clarify or claim records.** The department may ask the requestor to clarify what information that the requestor is seeking. If a requestor fails to respond to a request for clarification within a ((fourteen)) 14-day period, the public records officer may close the request. If a requestor fails to claim records that have been produced within a ((fourteen)) 14-day period, the public records officer may close the request.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 18-07-080, filed 3/19/18, effective 4/19/18)

WAC 220-120-060 Costs of providing public records. (1) There is no fee for inspecting public records.

(2) Pursuant to RCW 42.56.120(2), the department finds that it is unduly burdensome to calculate the actual costs that it charges for providing copies of public records for the following reasons: (a) Funds were not allocated for performing a study to calculate such actual costs and the department lacks the necessary funds to perform a study and calculations; staff resources are insufficient to perform a study and to calculate such actual costs; (b) a study would interfere with and disrupt other essential department functions. The department may charge fees for production of copies of public records consistent with the fee schedule established in RCW 42.56.120 and as published in the department's fee schedule available on the department website at <http://wdfw.wa.gov>.

(3) Before copying requested public records, the public records officer or designee may require a deposit of up to ((ten)) 10 percent of the estimated costs of copying all of the records. The public records officer or designee may also require payment of the remainder or an installment of the copying costs before providing all of the records.

(4) The department will not release any requested copies of public records unless and until the requestor has paid all copying and other charges as set forth in this section.

(5) The department may determine whether customized electronic access to public records is required if the department estimates that the request would require the use of information technology expertise to prepare data compilations, or provide customized electronic access services when such compilations and customized access services are not used by the department for other department purposes. The department will charge the actual costs, including staff time and outside vendor costs necessary to reimburse the department for providing customized electronic access services.

(6) The department may waive any charges for providing public records at the discretion of the public records officer. This determination will be made on a case-by-case basis.

(7) **Payment.** Payment may be made (~~by cash, check, or money order~~) to the Washington department of fish and wildlife.

WSR 24-24-026

EXPEDITED RULES

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

[Filed November 22, 2024, 4:41 p.m.]

Title of Rule and Other Identifying Information: Increasing the Washington physician health program (WPHP) surcharge assessed to physicians, physician assistants, osteopathic physicians, podiatric physicians, dentists, and veterinarians, and correcting the HEAL-WA fee for speech-language pathologists.

The department of health (department) is proposing amendments to WAC 246-817-990, 246-853-990, 246-918-990, 246-919-990, 246-922-990, and 246-933-990 to update fee changes made by HB 1972 (chapter 15, Laws of 2024), codified in RCW 18.71.310, 18.71A.020, 18.57.015, 18.22.250, 18.32.534, and 18.92.047. The department is also proposing to correct an error in the fee table in WAC 246-828-990 to ensure it accurately reflects the fees that are being charged for the speech-language pathologist inactive license.

Purpose of the Proposal and Its Anticipated Effects, Including Any Changes in Existing Rules: HB 1972 increased the surcharge that supports the WPHP for physicians, physician assistants, osteopathic physicians, podiatric physicians, dentists, and veterinarians. With the exception of dentists, the increase was effective June 6, 2024. The increase for dentists will be effective January 1, 2026. WPHP is supported by a license surcharge contributed by each of the health professions contracted with WPHP. The increase in the surcharge is needed to keep up with the cost of administering the program.

In 2013, the department amended WAC 246-828-990 and added an annual surcharge to speech-language pathologist license types to support the University of Washington's Health Evidence Resource for Washington State (HEAL-WA) online resource library, as required by RCW 43.70.110. The department filed WSR 13-21-077, which added the HEAL-WA surcharge to the initial license and renewal for speech-language pathologists. However, the HEAL-WA surcharge was mistakenly left out of WAC 246-828-990 for the inactive license. In practice, the department has been charging the HEAL-WA surcharge for speech-language pathologist inactive licenses, which has led to confusion amongst those seeking an inactive license regarding the amount they owe. The department is proposing rule making to correct this error by including the HEAL-WA surcharge in the rule language for the inactive speech-language pathologist license.

Reasons Supporting Proposal: The proposed amendments will align the rules with statutory changes that increase the WPHP surcharge fee assessed to physicians, physician assistants, osteopathic physicians, podiatric physicians, dentists, and veterinarians.

The proposed amendments to WAC 246-828-990 will ensure that the section accurately reflects the fees charged for each license type, avoid confusion regarding the correct surcharge amount for the inactive license, and promote transparency in the licensing process.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 18.71.310, 18.71A.020, 18.57.015, 18.22.250, 18.32.534, 18.92.047, and 43.70.110.

Statute Being Implemented: RCW 18.71.310, 18.71A.020, 18.57.015, 18.22.250, 18.32.534, 18.92.047, and 43.70.110.

Rule is not necessitated by federal law, federal or state court decision.

Name of Proponent: Department of health, governmental.

Name of Agency Personnel Responsible for Drafting: Heather Cantrell, 111 Israel Road S.E., Tumwater, WA 98501, 360-236-4637; Implementation: Shawna Fox, 111 Israel Road S.E., Tumwater, WA 98501, 360-236-4700; and Enforcement: Blake Maresh, 111 Israel Road S.E., Tumwater, WA 98501, 360-236-4700.

This notice meets the following criteria to use the expedited adoption process for these rules:

Content is explicitly and specifically dictated by statute.

Explanation of the Reason the Agency Believes the Expedited Rule-Making Process is Appropriate: The expedited rule-making process is appropriate because the proposed amendments align the rules with the statute. It is necessary to implement the legislation appropriately.

NOTICE

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November 22, 2024
 Kristin Peterson, JD
 Chief of Policy
 for Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH
 Secretary of Health

OTS-5795.2

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 23-07-057, filed 3/9/23, effective 6/1/23)

WAC 246-817-990 Dentist fees and renewal cycle. (1) Licenses must be renewed every year on the practitioner's birthday as provided in chapter 246-12 WAC, except faculty and resident licenses.

(2) Faculty and resident licenses must be renewed every year on July 1 as provided in chapter 246-12 WAC.

(3) The following nonrefundable fees will be charged:

Title of Fee	Fee through December 31, 2025	Fee on and after January 1, 2026
Original application by examination*		
Initial application	\$500.00	<u>\$500.00</u>
Original application - Without examination		
Initial application	500.00	<u>500.00</u>
Initial license	500.00	<u>500.00</u>
Faculty license application	500.00	<u>500.00</u>
Resident license application	115.00	<u>115.00</u>

Title of Fee	<u>Fee through December 31, 2025</u>	<u>Fee on and after January 1, 2026</u>
Active license renewal(±)		
Renewal	365.00	<u>365.00</u>
Surcharge - Impaired dentist	50.00	<u>70.00</u>
Late renewal penalty	185.00	<u>185.00</u>
Expired license reissuance	300.00	<u>300.00</u>
Inactive license renewal(±)		
Renewal	125.00	<u>125.00</u>
Surcharge - Impaired dentist	50.00	<u>70.00</u>
Late renewal penalty	50.00	<u>50.00</u>
Retired active license renewal		
Renewal	150.00	<u>150.00</u>
Surcharge - Impaired dentist	50.00	<u>70.00</u>
Late renewal penalty	75.00	<u>75.00</u>
Duplicate license	15.00	<u>15.00</u>
Certification of license	25.00	<u>25.00</u>
Anesthesia permit		
Initial application	150.00	<u>150.00</u>
Renewal - (Three-year renewal cycle)	160.00	<u>160.00</u>
Late renewal penalty	80.00	<u>80.00</u>
Expired permit reissuance	50.00	<u>50.00</u>
On-site inspection fee	To be determined by future rule adoption.	<u>To be determined by future rule adoption.</u>

* In addition to the initial application fee above, applicants for licensure via examination will be required to submit a separate application and examination fee directly to the dental testing agency accepted by the dental quality assurance commission.

OTS-5772.1

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 23-07-057, filed 3/9/23, effective 6/1/23)

WAC 246-828-990 Hearing aid specialist, audiologist, speech-language pathologist, and speech-language pathology assistant fees and renewal cycle. (1) Credentials must be renewed every year on the practitioner's birthday as provided in WAC 246-12-030.

(2) Practitioners must pay the following nonrefundable fees:

Audiologist or Speech-Language Pathologist	
Fee Type:	Fee
Interim permit	
Application	\$165.00
Permit	140.00
Initial license	
Application and license	175.00
HEAL-WA* surcharge	16.00
Active license renewal	

Audiologist or Speech-Language Pathologist

Fee Type:	Fee
Renewal	45.00
Late renewal penalty	45.00
HEAL-WA* surcharge	16.00
Expired license reissuance	140.00
Inactive license	
Renewal	60.00
<u>HEAL-WA* surcharge</u>	<u>16.00</u>
Expired license reissuance	90.00
Verification of license	25.00
Duplicate license	10.00

* Surcharge applies to speech-language pathologists only. HEAL-WA is the health resources for Washington online library. See RCW 43.70.110.

Hearing Aid Specialist

Fee Type:	Fee
Initial license	
Application and license	\$175.00
Hearing aid specialist practical exam for Washington hearing society applicants	350.00
Active license renewal	
Renewal	45.00
Late renewal penalty	45.00
Expired license reissuance	136.00
Inactive license renewal	
Renewal	56.00
Expired license reissuance	86.00
Verification of license	25.00
Duplicate license	10.00

Speech-Language Pathology Assistant

Fee Type:	Fee
Initial credential	
Application	\$55.00
Active credential renewal	
Renewal	15.00
Late renewal penalty	15.00
Expired credential reissuance	50.00
Inactive credential renewal	
Renewal	50.00
Expired credential reissuance	50.00
Verification of credential	25.00
Duplicate credential	10.00

OTS-5785.1

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 24-14-032, filed 6/25/24, effective 7/26/24)

WAC 246-853-990 Osteopathic fees and renewal cycle. (1) Licenses must be renewed every year on the physician's birthday as provided in chapter 246-12 WAC, except postgraduate training limited licenses.

(2) Postgraduate training limited licenses must be renewed every year to correspond to program dates.

(3) The following nonrefundable fees will be charged for osteopathic physicians:

Title of Fee	Fee
Original application	
Endorsement application	\$375.00
UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)	16.00
Active license renewal	
Renewal	375.00
Late renewal penalty	190.00
Expired license reissuance	250.00
UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)	16.00
Substance use disorder monitoring surcharge	((50.00)) <u>70.00</u>
Inactive license renewal	
Renewal	310.00
Expired license reissuance	225.00
Late renewal penalty	155.00
UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)	16.00
Substance use disorder monitoring surcharge	((50.00)) <u>70.00</u>
Retired active license renewal	
Renewal	195.00
Late renewal penalty	100.00
UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)	16.00
Substance use disorder monitoring surcharge	((50.00)) <u>70.00</u>
Endorsement/state exam application	500.00
Reexam	100.00
Verification of license	50.00
Limited license	
Application	285.00
Renewal	265.00
UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)	16.00
Substance use disorder monitoring surcharge	((50.00)) <u>70.00</u>
Temporary permit application	70.00
Duplicate certificate	20.00

OTS-5786.1

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 19-21-052, filed 10/10/19, effective 2/1/20)

WAC 246-918-990 Physician assistants fees and renewal cycle.

(1) Licenses must be renewed every two years on the practitioner's birthday as provided in chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 2.

(2) The applicant or licensee must pay the following nonrefundable fees:

Title of Fee	Fee
Physician assistants:	
Original application	
Application	\$50.00
UW HEAL-WA surcharge*	16.00
Washington physician health program surcharge	((50.00)) <u>70.00</u>
Active license renewal	
Two-year renewal	247.00
UW HEAL-WA surcharge*	32.00
Washington physician health program surcharge*	((100.00)) <u>140.00</u>
Late renewal fee	124.00
Expired license reissuance	50.00
Retired active license renewal	
Two-year renewal	35.00
Washington physician health program surcharge*	((100.00)) <u>140.00</u>
Late renewal fee	35.00
Duplicate license	15.00

* The Washington physician health program surcharge (RCW 18.71A.020(3)) is assessed at \$((~~50.00~~)) 70.00 per year, and the University of Washington (UW) HEAL-WA web portal access fee (RCW 43.70.110) assessed at \$16.00 per year.

** The Washington physician health program surcharge is assessed at \$((~~50.00~~)) 70.00 per year.

OTS-5787.1

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 19-21-052, filed 10/10/19, effective 2/1/20)

WAC 246-919-990 Physician and surgeon fees and renewal cycle.

(1) Licenses must be renewed every two years on the practitioner's birthday as provided in chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 2, except postgraduate training limited licenses.

(2) Postgraduate training limited licenses must be renewed every year to correspond to the program's date.

(3) A retired active physician who resides and practices in Washington and obtains or renews a retired active license is exempt from

all licensing fees except for the impaired physician program surcharge authorized by RCW 18.71.310.

(4) The applicants and licensees must pay the following nonrefundable fees:

Title of Fee	Fee
Original application	
Application	\$425.00
UW HEAL-WA surcharge*	16.00
Washington physician health program surcharge*	((50.00)) <u>70.00</u>
Active license renewal	
Two-year renewal	824.00
UW HEAL-WA surcharge*	32.00
Washington physician health program surcharge*	((100.00)) <u>140.00</u>
Late renewal penalty	300.00
Expired license reissuance	262.50
Retired active license renewal (resides and practices in-state per RCW 18.71.080 and 18.130.250)	
Two-year renewal (only includes Washington physician health program surcharge)**	((100.00)) <u>140.00</u>
Retired active license renewal (does not meet in-state exemption)	
Two-year renewal	200.00
UW HEAL-WA surcharge*	32.00
Washington physician health program surcharge*	((100.00)) <u>140.00</u>
Late renewal penalty	100.00
Verification of license	50.00
Duplicate license	15.00
Temporary permit	50.00
Transitioning from postgraduate training limited license	
Application fee	100.00
UW HEAL-WA surcharge*	16.00
Washington physician health program surcharge*	((50.00)) <u>70.00</u>
Postgraduate limited license: RCW 18.71.095 (One-year cycle)	
Original application	
Application	325.00
UW HEAL-WA surcharge*	16.00
Washington physician health program surcharge*	((50.00)) <u>70.00</u>
Limited license renewal (One-year cycle)	
Renewal	325.00
UW HEAL-WA surcharge*	16.00
Washington physician health program surcharge*	((50.00)) <u>70.00</u>

Title of Fee	Fee
Limited duplicate license	15.00

* The Washington physician health program surcharge (RCW 18.71.310(2)) is assessed at \$~~(50.00)~~ 70.00 per year, and the University of Washington (UW) HEAL-WA web portal access fee (RCW 43.70.110) is assessed at \$16.00 per year.

OTS-5788.2

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 17-22-051, filed 10/25/17, effective 2/1/18)

WAC 246-922-990 Podiatry fees and renewal cycle. (1) Licenses must be renewed every year on the practitioner's birthday as provided in chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 2, except for postgraduate training limited licenses.

(2) Postgraduate training limited licenses must be renewed every year to correspond to program dates.

(3) The following nonrefundable fees will be charged:

Title of Fee	Fee
Original application	
Application	\$650.00
UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)	16.00
Substance ((abuse)) <u>use disorder</u> monitoring surcharge	((50.00)) 70.00
Active license renewal	
Renewal	650.00
UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)	16.00
Substance ((abuse)) <u>use disorder</u> monitoring surcharge	((50.00)) 70.00
Late renewal penalty	300.00
Expired license reissuance	300.00
Inactive license renewal	
Renewal	175.00
UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)	16.00
Substance ((abuse)) <u>use disorder</u> monitoring surcharge	((50.00)) 70.00
Late renewal penalty	90.00
Expired license reissuance	70.00
Retired active license renewal	
Renewal	275.00
UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)	16.00
Substance ((abuse)) <u>use disorder</u> monitoring surcharge	((50.00)) 70.00
Late renewal penalty	140.00
Postgraduate training license application	
Application	400.00
UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)	16.00

Title of Fee	Fee
Postgraduate training license renewal	
Renewal	475.00
UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)	16.00
Substance ((abuse)) use disorder monitoring surcharge	((50.00)) <u>70.00</u>
Temporary practice permit	50.00
Duplicate license	10.00
Verification of license	25.00

OTS-5789.1

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 20-08-066, filed 3/26/20, effective 7/1/20)

WAC 246-933-990 Veterinarian fees and renewal cycle. (1) Licenses must be renewed every year on the practitioner's birthday as provided in chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 2.

(2) The following nonrefundable fees will be charged:

Title of Fee	Fee
Initial state license	
State jurisprudence examination (initial or retake)	\$210.00
Application	145.00
UW online access surcharge (HEAL-WA)	16.00
Initial specialty license	
Application	140.00
UW online access surcharge (HEAL-WA)	16.00
Temporary permit	
	215.00
State or specialty license renewal	
Renewal	160.00
Impaired veterinarian assessment	((25.00)) <u>35.00</u>
UW online access surcharge (HEAL-WA)	16.00
Late renewal penalty	80.00
Expired license reissuance	90.00
Retired active license and renewal	
Renewal	70.00
Impaired veterinarian assessment	((25.00)) <u>35.00</u>
UW online access surcharge (HEAL-WA)	16.00
Late renewal penalty	50.00
Duplicate license	10.00
Verification of license	25.00

WSR 24-24-083

EXPEDITED RULES

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

[Filed December 2, 2024, 1:50 p.m.]

Title of Rule and Other Identifying Information: Updating the definition of veteran in WAC 246-12-530 and 246-12-560. The department of health (department) is proposing changes to replace the term "honorable discharge" with "qualifying discharge."

In 2024, the Washington legislature passed 2SHB 2014 (chapter 146, Laws of 2024). This bill amended language adding the term "qualifying discharge" to various benefit programs for veterans, replacing references to "honorable discharge." This term is used in WAC 246-12-530 and 246-12-560 making amendments necessary to align rule language with statute.

Purpose of the Proposal and Its Anticipated Effects, Including Any Changes in Existing Rules: 2SHB 2014 amended the requirements for obtaining benefits as a veteran of the United States Military. The purpose of the proposed changes are to align the rule language with statute by updating rule language to include allowing a "qualifying discharge" opposed to the once required "honorable discharge" regarding licensure of military service members. Additionally, the department is making some housekeeping changes to align the rule to current department editorial standards.

Reasons Supporting Proposal: The proposed changes will align the rules with statutory changes regarding licensure of military service members. Currently as written, the rules do not reflect amendments to the use of "qualifying discharge" presented with the passage of 2SHB 2014. This rule making is needed in order to align the rules with the bill.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 43.70.280.

Statute Being Implemented: 2SHB 2014 (chapter 146, Laws of 2024).

Rule is not necessitated by federal law, federal or state court decision.

Name of Proponent: Department of health, governmental.

Name of Agency Personnel Responsible for Drafting, Implementation, and Enforcement: Brandon Williams, 111 Israel Road S.E., Tumwater, WA 98501, 360-913-4643.

This notice meets the following criteria to use the expedited adoption process for these rules:

Adopts or incorporates by reference without material change federal statutes or regulations, Washington state statutes, rules of other Washington state agencies, shoreline master programs other than those programs governing shorelines of statewide significance, or, as referenced by Washington state law, national consensus codes that generally establish industry standards, if the material adopted or incorporated regulates the same subject matter and conduct as the adopting or incorporating rule.

Content is explicitly and specifically dictated by statute.

Explanation of the Reason the Agency Believes the Expedited Rule-Making Process is Appropriate: The expedited rule-making process is appropriate as this amendment aligns the rules with the law that has been in effect since June of 2024.

NOTICE

THIS RULE IS BEING PROPOSED UNDER AN EXPEDITED RULE-MAKING PROCESS THAT WILL ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR THE AGENCY TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS, PREPARE A SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT, OR PROVIDE RESPONSES TO THE CRITERIA FOR A SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATIVE RULE. IF YOU OBJECT TO THIS USE OF THE EXPEDITED RULE-MAKING PROCESS, YOU MUST EXPRESS YOUR OBJECTIONS IN WRITING AND THEY MUST BE SENT TO Brandon Williams, Department of Health, P.O. Box 47852, Olympia, WA 98504-7852, phone 360-913-4643, <https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/policyreview>, BEGINNING the date and time of this filing, AND RECEIVED BY February 3, 2025 at 11:59 p.m.

December 2, 2024
 Todd Mountin, PMP
 Deputy Chief of Policy
 for Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH
 Secretary of Health

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 14-10-025, filed 4/28/14, effective 5/29/14)

WAC 246-12-530 How to return to active status from military status. (1) To change the status of a credential from military status to active status, the practitioner must submit to the department:

- (a) Written notification of the change in (~~his or her~~) their service status;
- (b) An official copy of the practitioner's discharge papers (DD214);
- (c) The appropriate current active renewal fee;
- (d) The current substance abuse monitoring surcharge, if required by the profession as part of the renewal fee.

(2) The practitioner must request the military status credential be changed from military status to active status within six months of (~~honorable~~) qualifying discharge by meeting the requirements of subsection (1) of this section.

(3) A practitioner who does not comply with subsection (2) of this section will be subject to late fees as required by WAC 246-12-040.

(4) Continuing education requirements will apply after the first post-discharge renewal.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 14-10-025, filed 4/28/14, effective 5/29/14)

WAC 246-12-560 How to return to active status from inactive military-related status. (1) A practitioner in inactive military-related status can return (~~his or her~~) their credential to active status at any time.

(2) To change a credential from an inactive military-related status to active status the practitioner must:

- (a) Pay the appropriate current active renewal fee;
 - (b) Pay the current substance abuse monitoring surcharge, if required by the profession as part of renewal;
 - (c) Submit documentation of the service member's current service or discharge status.
- (3) If the practitioner requests a change to active status after ~~((his or her))~~ their spouse or registered domestic partner is discharged, ~~((he or she))~~ they must submit an official copy of the discharge papers (DD214) showing that ~~((his or her))~~ their spouse or registered domestic partner ~~((was honorably discharged))~~ has received a qualifying discharge within the previous six months.
- (4) The credential must be changed from inactive military-related status to active status within six months of the military personnel's ~~((honorable))~~ qualifying discharge by meeting the requirements of subsections (2) and (3) of this section.
- (5) A practitioner who does not comply with subsection (3) of this section will be subject to late fees as required by WAC 246-12-040.
- (6) After returning a credential to active status, applicable continuing education requirements will apply during the following renewal.