

WSR 22-04-055
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
(Board of Psychology)
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Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 246-924-043, 246-924-046, 246-924-047, 246-924-049, 246-924-053, 246-924-056, 246-924-059, 246-924-070, 246-924-100, and 246-924-495 in chapter 246-924 WAC, Psychologists. The examining board of psychology (board) is considering amending the requirements for licensure: (1) For consistency with the American Psychology Association (APA) and other accreditation standards; (2) to address new national examination options; and (3) to address concerns with minimum competency. The board may also consider housekeeping changes to clarify and streamline these sections of rule as necessary.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 18.83.050.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Rule making may be needed to amend the administrative rules governing licensure, including the doctoral degree and supervised experience requirements for both initial licensure and licensure by endorsement. As the current doctoral degree rule is based on obsolete APA accreditation standards, the board is considering amendments to align rules with the current APA and other accreditation standards. The board is also considering amendments to address new national examination options and address concerns with minimum competency. The board may also consider making housekeeping changes to clarify and streamline these sections of rule as appropriate.

Process for Developing New Rule: Collaborative.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Stacey Saunders, P.O. Box 47850, Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-236-2813, fax 360-236-2901, TTY 711, email stacey.saunders@doh.wa.gov, website www.doh.wa.gov.

Additional comments: Rule development will take place in open public meetings prior to a formal rule proposal and comment period. All rule-making notices will be mailed via GovDelivery to various behavioral health professions lists. To receive notices, interested persons may sign up by going to <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOH/subscriber/new>. After signing up, please click open the box labeled "Health Systems Quality Assurance." Next, click open the box labeled "Health Professions," then check the box next to "Board of Psychology."

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Examining Board of Psychology