

WSR 22-18-106

PROPOSED RULES

DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING

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Original Notice.

Preproposal statement of inquiry was filed as WSR 22-03-105.

Title of Rule and Other Identifying Information: WAC 308-15-150 Fees.

Hearing Location(s): On October 11, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. Join Zoom meeting link <https://dol-wa.zoom.us/j/81518826479?pwd=Rlc4Uk5XMTJZTkFPejhUOUgxOE03UT09>, Meeting ID 815 1882 6479, Passcode 303287, one tap mobile +12532158782,,81518826479#,,,,*303287# US (Tacoma), +14086380968,,81518826479#,,,,*303287# US (San Jose); dial by your location +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma). Find your local number <https://dol-wa.zoom.us/u/kbuQjWjn8M>. If you are having trouble accessing the public hearing at the time of the hearing, please call 360-902-3846.

Date of Intended Adoption: October 12, 2022.

Submit Written Comments to: Ellis Starrett, 1125 Washington Street S.E., Olympia, WA 98504, email rulescoordinator@dol.wa.gov, by October 10, 2022.

Assistance for Persons with Disabilities: Contact Ellis Starrett, phone 360-902-3846, email rulescoordinator@dol.wa.gov, by October 3, 2022.

Purpose of the Proposal and Its Anticipated Effects, Including Any Changes in Existing Rules: The department is increasing fees to cover the cost of administering the geologists program.

Reasons Supporting Proposal: The department is required to set fees for each professional, occupational, or business licensing program at a sufficient level to defray the costs of administering that program. This program last saw an increase in fees in 2017. Current fees are insufficient to sustain these programs. The department is considering fee increases that would go into effect the fall of 2022.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 43.24.086 Fee policy for professions, occupations, and businesses—Determination by rule.

Statute Being Implemented: Not applicable.

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

Agency Comments or Recommendations, if any, as to Statutory Language, Implementation, Enforcement, and Fiscal Matters: Not applicable.

Name of Agency Personnel Responsible for Drafting: Kelsey Stone, 1125 Washington Street S.E., Olympia, WA 98504, 360-902-0131; Implementation and Enforcement: Julie Japhet, 405 Black Lake Boulevard S.W., Olympia, WA 98502, 360-664-1142.

A school district fiscal impact statement is not required under RCW 28A.305.135.

A cost-benefit analysis is not required under RCW 34.05.328. These fees are exempt from the requirements in RCW 34.05.328 because they set or adjust fees or rates pursuant to legislative standards, specifically RCW 43.24.086.

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt from requirements of the Regulatory Fairness Act because the proposal:

Is exempt under RCW 19.85.025(3) as the rule content is explicitly and specifically dictated by statute; and rules set or adjust fees under the authority of RCW 19.02.075 or that set

or adjust fees or rates pursuant to legislative standards, including fees set or adjusted under the authority of RCW 19.80.045.

Scope of exemption for rule proposal:
Is fully exempt.

September 7, 2022
Ellis Starrett
Rules and Policy Manager

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 19-22-034, filed 10/31/19, effective 12/1/19)

**WAC 308-15-150 Fees.
Fees.**

Type of Fee	Amount
Application fees - includes initial license	
<u>Application fee for geologist-in-training</u>	\$135.00
Application fee for geologist (applying by examination)	((\$100.00)) <u>\$135.00</u>
Application fee for each specialty (applying by examination)	((\$100.00)) <u>\$135.00</u>
Application fee for geologist (applying by reciprocity)	((\$200.00)) <u>\$270.00</u>
Application fee for each specialty (applying by reciprocity)	((\$150.00)) <u>\$203.00</u>
Examination fees	
Administration fee for reexamination	((\$65.00)) <u>\$88.00</u>
Specialty examination (hydrogeologist or engineering geologist examination)	((\$300.00)) <u>\$405.00</u>
Renewal fees	
Annual renewal fee for geologist	((\$100.00)) <u>\$135.00</u>
Annual renewal fee for each specialty	((\$85.00)) <u>\$115.00</u>
((Annual renewal for geologist, with) <u>Late penalty fee (if paid ninety days or more after due date)</u>)	((\$200.00)) <u>\$135.00</u>
((Annual renewal for each specialty, with late fee) <u>Late penalty for each specialty (if paid ninety days or more after due date)</u>)	((\$170.00)) <u>\$115.00</u>
Miscellaneous fees	
Duplicate wall certificate.	\$25.00
<u>Print license fee.</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>
Certification of license records to other jurisdictions.	\$45.00
Proctor examination for another jurisdiction.	\$100.00

In addition to applicable state examination fees, ASBOG may collect, from the applicants, the charges of examination development, examination administration and grading. Terms and conditions for payment of the charges to ASBOG are determined by ASBOG.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.220.040, 18.220.050, and 43.24.086. WSR 19-22-034, § 308-15-150, filed 10/31/19, effective 12/1/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.220.040 and 43.24.086. WSR 16-12-091, § 308-15-150, filed 5/31/16, effective 7/1/16; WSR 14-11-013, § 308-15-150, filed 5/8/14, effective 7/1/14; WSR 11-08-054, § 308-15-150, filed 4/5/11, effective 7/1/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.220.040. WSR 08-12-039, § 308-15-150, filed 5/30/08, effective 7/1/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.220.040, 18.220.050. WSR 06-04-022, § 308-15-150, filed 1/23/06, effective 2/23/06; WSR 05-01-174, § 308-15-150, filed 12/21/04, effective 1/21/05. Statutory Authority: Chapter 18.220 RCW. WSR 01-12-022, § 308-15-150, filed 5/25/01, effective 6/25/01.]