

WSR 24-08-057

PERMANENT RULES

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

(Dental Quality Assurance Commission)

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Effective Date of Rule: Thirty-one days after filing.

Purpose: Dental school faculty member licenses. The dental quality assurance commission (commission) is adopting amendments to update rules regarding out-of-state licensure in line with SB 5113 (chapter 89, Laws of 2023). SB 5113 amended RCW 18.32.195 to include any institution of higher education in Washington state accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) for faculty licensure. Prior to the passing of SB 5113, license barriers were removed only for the University of Washington faculty.

The commission amended WAC 246-817-150 to align with the recent statutory changes. The amendment removes specific references about granting licenses to University of Washington faculty and replaces this with a reference to faculty of any institution of higher education in Washington state accredited by CODA. The rule amendments implement changes in statute that will allow the commission to provide licensure through an academic pathway using a temporary permit without requiring an exam for dental practice while being employed by a Washington state CODA accredited dental school.

The rule also amends existing language to a gender-neutral format.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 246-817-150.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 18.32.002, 18.32.0365; and SB 5113 (chapter 89, Laws of 2023), codified in RCW 18.32.195.

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 23-23-053 on November 7, 2023.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0.

Date Adopted: January 19, 2024.

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 16-05-083, filed 2/16/16, effective 3/18/16)

**WAC 246-817-150 Licenses—Persons licensed or qualified out-of-state who are faculty at school of dentistry—Conditions.** (1) The department shall provide an application for faculty licensure upon receipt of a written request from the dean of the (~~University of Washington, School of Dentistry~~) school of dentistry of any institution of higher education in Washington state accredited by the commission on dental accreditation.

(2) Applicants for faculty licensure shall submit a signed application, including applicable fees, and other documentation as required by the DQAC.

(3) The dean of the (~~University of Washington, School of Dentistry, or his~~) school of dentistry of any higher education in Washington state accredited by the commission on dental accreditation, or their designee, shall notify the department of health of any changes in employment status of any person holding a faculty license.