

WSR 24-02-057

PERMANENT RULES

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Effective Date of Rule: January 31, 2024.

Purpose: Multistate nursing license fee (new) and increase to nursing center surcharge fee. The department of health (department), in consultation with the Washington state board of nursing (board), is adopting amendments to WAC 246-840-990 to establish the multistate nursing license fee and increase the nursing center surcharge fee as directed by SSB 5499 (chapter 123, Laws of 2023).

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 246-840-990.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 18.79.202, 43.70.110, 43.70.250, 43.70.280; and SSB 5499 (chapter 123, Laws of 2023).

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 23-22-060 on October 25, 2023.

Changes Other than Editing from Proposed to Adopted Version: Non-substantive technical changes were made to reflect the correct nursing center surcharge.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0.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: December 28, 2023.

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 22-15-074, filed 7/18/22, effective 12/1/22)

WAC 246-840-990 Fees and renewal cycle. (1) A licensed practical nurse (LPN) or a registered nurse (RN) must renew ~~((his or her))~~ their single or multistate license every year on the licensee's birthday.

(2) When applying for a license an applicant for an initial or renewal LPN license or RN license must pay, in addition to the application fee, the University of Washington (UW) health sciences online library access (HEAL-WA) surcharge and the central nursing resource center (nursing center) surcharge, as required in RCW 43.70.110.

(3) An advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP) must renew ((his or her)) their license every two years on the licensee's birthday. An ARNP must also hold a valid single or multistate RN license and pay all associated fees every year on the licensee's birthday.

(4) A nursing technician must renew ((his or her)) their registration every year on the practitioner's birthday. The renewal must be accompanied by an attestation as required in RCW 18.79.370 that includes the nursing technician's anticipated graduation date. If the anticipated graduation date is within one year, the registration will expire 30 days after the anticipated graduation date. The expiration date may be extended to 60 days after graduation if the nursing technician can show good cause as defined in WAC 246-840-010(15).

(5) A practitioner who holds more than one credential will be charged separate fees for each credential, in compliance with WAC 246-12-020 through 246-12-051 and RCW 43.70.110.

(6) The following nonrefundable fees will be charged:

((Application Fees

	Registered Nurse	Licensed Practical Nurse	Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner ¹	Nursing Technician
Application Fee	114	69	130	25
HEAL-WA Surcharge	16	16	0	0
Nursing Center Surcharge	5	5	0	0
Total	135	90	130	25

¹Pays a \$125 application fee per specialty license. If not currently a licensed RN, must also pay RN application fees.

On-Time Renewal

	Registered Nurse	Licensed Practical Nurse	Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner ²	Nursing Technician
Renewal Fee	114	69	130	25
HEAL-WA Surcharge	16	16	0	0
Nursing Center Surcharge	5	5	0	0
Total	135	90	130	25

²Pays a \$125 renewal fee per specialty license once every two years. Must also renew RN license every year.

Late Renewal – Up to One Year Past the Expiration

	Registered Nurse	Licensed Practical Nurse	Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner ³	Nursing Technician
Renewal Fee	114	69	130	25
HEAL-WA Surcharge	16	16	0	0
Nursing Center Surcharge	5	5	0	0
Late Renewal Penalty	50	50	50	25
Total	185	140	180	50

³Pays \$50 per specialty license in late fees.

Late Renewal – One Year or More Expired

	Registered Nurse	Licensed Practical Nurse	Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner
Renewal Fee	114	69	130

HEAL-WA Surcharge	16	16	0
Nursing Center Surcharge	5	5	0
Late Renewal Penalty	50	50	50
Expired Licenses Reissuance	70	70	0
Total	255	210	180

Retired Active Renewal

	Registered Nurse	Licensed Practical Nurse
Renewal Fee	44	44
HEAL-WA Surcharge	16	16
Nursing Center Surcharge	5	5
Total	65	65

Retired Active Renewal—Late Renewal - Up to One Year Past the Expiration

	Registered Nurse	Licensed Practical Nurse
Renewal Fee	44	44
HEAL-WA Surcharge	16	16
Nursing Center Surcharge	5	5
Late Renewal Penalty	45	45
Total	110	110

Retired Active Renewal—Late Renewal - One Year or More Expired

	Registered Nurse	Licensed Practical Nurse
Renewal Fee	44	44
HEAL-WA Surcharge	16	16
Nursing Center Surcharge	5	5
Late Renewal Penalty	45	45
Expired License Reissuance	70	70
Total	180	180

Inactive License Renewal

	Registered Nurse	Licensed Practical Nurse	Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner
Renewal Fee	44	44	40
HEAL-WA Surcharge	16	16	0
Nursing Center Surcharge	5	5	0
Total	65	65	40

Inactive License Renewal—Late Renewal - Up to One Year Past the Expiration

	Registered Nurse	Licensed Practical Nurse	Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner
Renewal Fee	44	44	40

HEAL-WA Surcharge	16	16	0
Nursing Center Surcharge	5	5	0
Late Renewal Penalty	45	45	40
Total	110	110	80

Inactive License Renewal—Late Renewal—One Year or More Expired

	Registered Nurse	Licensed Practical Nurse	Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner
Renewal Fee	44	44	40
HEAL-WA Surcharge	16	16	0
Nursing Center Surcharge	5	5	0
Late Renewal Penalty	45	45	40
Expired License Reissuance	40	40	40
Total	150	150	120

Other fees

	Registered Nurse	Licensed Practical Nurse	Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner	Nursing Technician
Duplicate licensee or registration	20	20	20	15
Verification of licensure	25	25	25	25))

Application Fees

	Registered Nurse	Multistate Registered Nurse ²	Licensed Practical Nurse	Multistate Licensed Practical Nurse ²	Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner ¹	Nursing Technician
Application Fee	114	114	69	69	130	25
HEAL-WA Surcharge	16	16	16	16	0	0
Nursing Center Surcharge	8	8	8	8	0	0
Multistate License Fee	0	65	0	65	0	0
Total	138	203	93	158	130	25

¹Pays a \$130 application fee per specialty license. If not currently a licensed RN, must also pay RN application fees.

² Providers currently licensed in Washington state pay the \$65 multistate license fee to convert their existing license to a multistate license.

On-Time Renewal

	Registered Nurse	Multistate Registered Nurse	Licensed Practical Nurse	Multistate Licensed Practical Nurse	Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner ²	Nursing Technician
Renewal Fee	114	114	69	69	130	25
HEAL-WA Surcharge	16	16	16	16	0	0
Nursing Center Surcharge	8	8	8	8	0	0
Multistate License Fee	0	20	0	20	0	0

On-Time Renewal

	<u>Registered Nurse</u>	<u>Multistate Registered Nurse</u>	<u>Licensed Practical Nurse</u>	<u>Multistate Licensed Practical Nurse</u>	<u>Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner²</u>	<u>Nursing Technician</u>
Total	138	158	93	113	130	25

²Pays a \$130 renewal fee per specialty license once every two years. Must also renew RN license every year.

Late Renewal - Up to One Year Past the Expiration

	<u>Registered Nurse</u>	<u>Multistate Registered Nurse</u>	<u>Licensed Practical Nurse</u>	<u>Multistate Licensed Practical Nurse</u>	<u>Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner³</u>	<u>Nursing Technician</u>
Renewal Fee	114	114	69	69	130	25
HEAL-WA Surcharge	16	16	16	16	0	0
Nursing Center Surcharge	8	8	8	8	0	0
Late Renewal Penalty	50	50	50	50	50	25
Multistate License Fee	0	20	0	20	0	0
Total	188	208	143	163	180	50

³Pays \$50 per specialty license in late fees.

Late Renewal - One Year or More Expired

	<u>Registered Nurse</u>	<u>Multistate Registered Nurse</u>	<u>Licensed Practical Nurse</u>	<u>Multistate Licensed Practical Nurse</u>	<u>Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner</u>	
Renewal Fee	114	114	69	69	130	
HEAL-WA Surcharge	16	16	16	16	0	
Nursing Center Surcharge	8	8	8	8	0	
Late Renewal Penalty	50	50	50	50	50	
Expired Licenses Reissuance	70	70	70	70	0	
Multistate License Fee	0	20	0	20	0	
Total	258	278	213	233	180	

Retired Active Renewal

	<u>Registered Nurse</u>		<u>Licensed Practical Nurse</u>			
Renewal Fee	44		44			
HEAL-WA Surcharge	16		16			
Nursing Center Surcharge	8		8			
Total	65		65			

Retired Active Renewal—Late Renewal - Up to One Year Past the Expiration

	<u>Registered Nurse</u>		<u>Licensed Practical Nurse</u>			
Renewal Fee	44		44			
HEAL-WA Surcharge	16		16			
Nursing Center Surcharge	8		8			
Late Renewal Penalty	45		45			
Total	110		110			

Retired Active Renewal—Late Renewal - One Year or More Expired

	<u>Registered Nurse</u>		<u>Licensed Practical Nurse</u>			
Renewal Fee	44		44			
HEAL-WA Surcharge	16		16			
Nursing Center Surcharge	8		8			
Late Renewal Penalty	45		45			
Expired License Reissuance	70		70			
Total	180		180			

Inactive License Renewal

	<u>Registered Nurse</u>		<u>Licensed Practical Nurse</u>		<u>Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner</u>	
Renewal Fee	44		44		40	
HEAL-WA Surcharge	16		16		0	
Nursing Center Surcharge	8		8		0	
Total	65		65		40	

Inactive License Renewal—Late Renewal - Up to One Year Past the Expiration

	<u>Registered Nurse</u>		<u>Licensed Practical Nurse</u>		<u>Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner</u>	
Renewal Fee	44		44		40	
HEAL-WA Surcharge	16		16		0	
Nursing Center Surcharge	8		8		0	
Late Renewal Penalty	45		45		40	
Total	110		110		80	

Inactive License Renewal—Late Renewal - One Year or More Expired

	<u>Registered Nurse</u>		<u>Licensed Practical Nurse</u>		<u>Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner</u>	
<u>Renewal Fee</u>	<u>44</u>		<u>44</u>		<u>40</u>	
<u>HEAL-WA Surcharge</u>	<u>16</u>		<u>16</u>		<u>0</u>	
<u>Nursing Center Surcharge</u>	<u>8</u>		<u>8</u>		<u>0</u>	
<u>Late Renewal Penalty</u>	<u>45</u>		<u>45</u>		<u>40</u>	
<u>Expired License Reissuance</u>	<u>40</u>		<u>40</u>		<u>40</u>	
<u>Total</u>	<u>150</u>		<u>150</u>		<u>120</u>	

Other fees

	<u>Registered Nurse</u>		<u>Licensed Practical Nurse</u>		<u>Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner</u>	<u>Nursing Technician</u>
<u>Duplicate Licensee or Registration</u>	<u>20</u>		<u>20</u>		<u>20</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>Verification Licensure</u>	<u>25</u>		<u>25</u>		<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>