

WSR 25-07-108

PROPOSED RULES

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Original Notice.

Preproposal statement of inquiry was filed as WSR 25-04-085.

Title of Rule and Other Identifying Information: Psychologist and psychology associate fees. The department of health (department) is proposing revisions to WAC 246-924-990 Psychology fees and renewal cycle, to implement recent legislation by: (1) Updating application, renewal, and other fees for a psychologist license; (2) establishing a fee schedule for a licensed psychological associate license; and (3) establishing a fee schedule for participation in the Psychology Inter-jurisdictional Compact (Psypact).

Hearing Location(s): On April 22, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., virtual hearing. Register in advance for this webinar at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_rFDIYINwRNqdvnyzHXWfTw. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Date of Intended Adoption: April 29, 2025.

Submit Written Comments to: Nancy Delgado, P.O. Box 47850, Olympia, WA 98504-7850, <https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/policyreview/>, beginning the date and time of this filing, by April 22, 2025, at 11:59 p.m.

Assistance for Persons with Disabilities: Contact Nancy Delgado, phone 360-236-4951, TTY 711, email psychology@doh.wa.gov, by April 8, 2025.

Purpose of the Proposal and Its Anticipated Effects, Including Any Changes in Existing Rules: Establishing these fees helps implement E2SHB 2247 (chapter 371, Laws of 2024), which created the new licensed psychological associate credential, and SHB 1286 (chapter 5, Laws of 2022), which established Washington state's participation in Psypact, an interstate compact for psychologists. While Washington has been participating in the compact since 2022, the department has deferred rule making until collecting several years of data on participation rates.

Additionally, fee schedule updates will support compliance with RCW 43.70.250 and other statutory authority.

Reasons Supporting Proposal: RCW 43.70.250 requires that the costs of each professional licensing program "be fully borne by the members of that profession" through fees. The examining board of psychology's (board) fees were last adjusted by the department in 2019. Since then, program expenses have grown, so that revenue collected through fees is no longer sufficient to administer the program and maintain an appropriate reserve balance. Establishing and amending fees will support the board's ability to protect the public by licensing and regulating psychologists and psychological associates in Washington.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 18.83.060, 18.83A.130, 43.70.250, and 43.70.280.

Statute Being Implemented: RCW 43.70.250.

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: Nancy Delgado, 111 Israel Road S.E., Tumwater, WA 98501, 360-236-4951.

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. This rule is exempt from analysis according to RCW 34.05.328 (5)(b)(vi) because it is a rule that sets or adjusts fees pursuant to legislative standards.

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 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.

Explanation of exemptions: The proposed rules adjust fees for licensed psychologists and set fees for psychological associates and interstate compact participation.

Scope of exemption for rule proposal:

Is fully exempt.

March 19, 2025
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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 20-12-074, filed 6/1/20, effective 7/2/20)

WAC 246-924-990 Psychology fees and renewal cycle. (1) Except for a probationary license (~~as described in~~) under WAC 246-924-493, 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 for a psychology license:

Title of Fee	Fee
Original application	
Application	((\$190.00)) <u>\$215.00</u>
UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)	16.00
Active license renewal	
Renewal	((210.00)) <u>295.00</u>
UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)	16.00
Late renewal penalty	((105.00)) <u>150.00</u>
Expired license reissuance	((155.00)) <u>150.00</u>
Retired active license renewal	

Title of Fee	Fee
Renewal	((105.00)) <u>150.00</u>
Late renewal penalty	((55.00)) <u>75.00</u>
UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)	16.00
Duplicate license	10.00
Verification of license	25.00
((Amendment of certificate of qualification	35.00))

(3) ~~((For a probationary license as described under WAC 246-924-493,))~~ The following nonrefundable fees will be charged for participation in the psychology interjurisdictional compact (Psypact) under chapter 18.83A RCW:

<u>Title of Fee</u>	<u>Fee</u>
<u>Application</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>
<u>Renewal</u>	<u>30.00</u>

(4) The following nonrefundable fees will be charged for a psychological associate license:

<u>Title of Fee</u>	<u>Fee</u>
<u>Original application</u>	
<u>Application</u>	<u>\$95.00</u>
<u>UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)</u>	<u>16.00</u>
<u>Active license renewal</u>	
<u>Renewal</u>	<u>95.00</u>
<u>UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)</u>	<u>16.00</u>
<u>Late renewal penalty</u>	<u>50.00</u>
<u>Expired license reissuance</u>	<u>50.00</u>
<u>Duplicate license</u>	<u>10.00</u>
<u>Verification of license</u>	<u>25.00</u>

(5) The following nonrefundable fees will be charged for a probationary license under WAC 246-924-493:

<u>Title of Fee</u>	<u>Fee</u>
<u>Original application</u>	
<u>Application</u>	((<u>\$190.00</u>)) <u>\$215.00</u>
<u>Active license renewal</u>	
<u>Renewal</u>	((<u>210.00</u>)) <u>215.00</u>
<u>Late renewal penalty</u>	((<u>105.00</u>)) <u>110.00</u>
<u>Expired license reissuance</u>	((<u>155.00</u>)) <u>110.00</u>
<u>Duplicate license</u>	10.00
<u>Verification of license</u>	25.00