

WSR 26-01-042

PERMANENT RULES

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Effective Date of Rule: April 1, 2026.

Purpose: Licensed mental health counselor associates, University of Washington health sciences library (HEAL-WA) fee. The department of health is adopting amendments to WAC 246-809-990 to implement HB 1190 (chapter 19, Laws of 2025). This legislation expands access to the University of Washington's online health sciences library (HEAL-WA) for licensed mental health counselor associates. As part of this implementation, WAC 246-809-990 is amended to include a \$16 HEAL-WA fee, applicable at both initial licensure and renewal for mental health counselor associates.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 246-809-990.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 18.225.040.

Other Authority: HB 1190 (chapter 19, Laws of 2025), codified in RCW 43.70.110 and 43.70.250.

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 25-17-067 on August 18, 2025.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0.

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 25-11-019, filed 5/12/25, effective 6/12/25)

WAC 246-809-990 Licensed counselor, and associate—Fees and renewal cycle. (1) Except for a probationary license as described in WAC 246-809-095, a license must be renewed every year on the practitioner's birthday as provided in chapter 246-12 WAC.

(2) An associate license is valid for one year and must be renewed every year on the date of issuance.

(3) The following nonrefundable fees will be charged:

| Title | Fee |
|---|--------------|
| Licensed marriage and family therapist | |
| Original application | |
| Application and initial license | \$290.00 |
| UW online access fee (HEAL-WA) | 16.00 |
| Active license renewal | |
| Renewal | 180.00 |
| Late renewal penalty | 90.00 |
| Expired license reissuance | 85.00 |
| UW online access fee (HEAL-WA) | 16.00 |
| Retired active license renewal | |
| Renewal | 70.00 |
| Late renewal penalty | 35.00 |
| UW online access fee (HEAL-WA) | 16.00 |
| Duplicate license | 10.00 |
| Verification of license | 25.00 |
| Licensed marriage and family therapy associate | |
| Original application | |
| Application | 65.00 |
| UW online access fee (HEAL-WA) | 16.00 |
| Renewal | |
| Renewal | 50.00 |
| UW online access fee (HEAL-WA) | 16.00 |
| Late renewal penalty | 50.00 |
| Expired license reissuance | 40.00 |
| Duplicate license | 10.00 |
| Verification of license | 25.00 |
| Licensed mental health counselor | |
| Original application | |
| Application | 95.00 |
| Initial license | 80.00 |
| UW online access fee (HEAL-WA) | 16.00 |
| Active license renewal | |
| Renewal | 125.00 |
| Late renewal penalty | 65.00 |
| Expired license reissuance | 65.00 |
| UW online access fee (HEAL-WA) | 16.00 |
| Retired active license renewal | |
| Renewal retired active | 70.00 |
| Late renewal penalty | 35.00 |
| UW online access fee (HEAL-WA) | 16.00 |
| Duplicate license | 10.00 |
| Verification of license | 25.00 |
| Licensed mental health counselor associate | |
| Original application | |
| Application | 35.00 |
| <u>UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)</u> | <u>16.00</u> |
| Renewal | |

| Title | Fee |
|--|--------------|
| Renewal | 25.00 |
| <u>UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)</u> | <u>16.00</u> |
| Late renewal penalty | 25.00 |
| Expired license reissuance | 40.00 |
| Duplicate license | 10.00 |
| Verification of license | 25.00 |
| Licensed advanced social worker and licensed independent clinical social worker | |
| Original application | |
| Application and initial license | 170.00 |
| UW online access fee (HEAL-WA) | 16.00 |
| Active license renewal | |
| Renewal | 70.00 |
| Late renewal penalty | 50.00 |
| Expired license reissuance | 72.50 |
| UW online access fee (HEAL-WA) | 16.00 |
| Retired active license renewal | |
| Renewal retired active | 65.00 |
| Late renewal penalty | 30.00 |
| UW online access fee (HEAL-WA) | 16.00 |
| Duplicate license | 10.00 |
| Verification of license | 25.00 |
| Licensed advanced social worker associate and licensed independent clinical social worker associate | |
| Original application | |
| Application | 35.00 |
| UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)* | 16.00 |
| Renewal | |
| Renewal | 25.00 |
| Late renewal penalty | 25.00 |
| UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)* | 16.00 |
| Expired license reissuance | 40.00 |
| Duplicate license | 10.00 |
| Verification of license | 25.00 |

* Surcharge applies to independent clinical social worker associate only.

(4) For a probationary license as described under WAC 246-809-095, the following nonrefundable fees will be charged:

| Title | Fee |
|---|------------|
| Licensed marriage and family therapist | |
| Original application | |
| Application and initial license | \$290.00 |
| Active license renewal | |
| Renewal | 180.00 |
| Late renewal penalty | 90.00 |
| Expired license reissuance | 85.00 |
| Duplicate license | 10.00 |

| Title | Fee |
|--|------------|
| Verification of license | 25.00 |
| Licensed mental health counselor | |
| Original application | |
| Application and initial license | 175.00 |
| Active license renewal | |
| Renewal | 90.00 |
| Late renewal penalty | 50.00 |
| Expired license reissuance | 65.00 |
| Duplicate license | 10.00 |
| Verification of license | 25.00 |
| Licensed advanced social worker and licensed independent clinical social worker | |
| Original application | |
| Application and initial license | 200.00 |
| Active license renewal | |
| Renewal | 100.00 |
| Late renewal penalty | 50.00 |
| Expired license reissuance | 72.50 |
| Duplicate license | 10.00 |
| Verification of license | 25.00 |