

WSR 26-01-102

PERMANENT RULES

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

(Dental Quality Assurance Commission)

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

Purpose: Dental assistant registration; adding minimum age requirements. The dental quality assurance commission (commission) is adopting amendments to WAC 246-817-190 to align with the rule language in the department of labor and industries (L&I) WAC 296-125-030 Prohibited and hazardous employment—All minors.

Aligning this rule with L&I's WAC 296-125-030 allows the commission to enforce prohibiting minors from working in environments where there is the potential for exposure to bloodborne pathogens, unless the minor is a student in a bona fide health care career training or vocational education program. A minor is defined by L&I in WAC 296-125-015 as a person under the age of 18.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 246-817-190.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 18.32.002, 18.32.0365, and 18.260.040.

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 25-19-063 on September 12, 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0.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: October 24, 2025.

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-01-215, filed 12/23/20, effective 1/23/21)

WAC 246-817-190 Dental assistant registration. To be eligible for registration as a dental assistant ((you must)) the applicant shall:

(1) Provide to the department a completed application on forms provided by the ((secretary)) department;

(2) Pay applicable fees as defined in WAC 246-817-99005; ((and))

- (3) Provide to the department any other information determined by the ~~((secretary))~~ department; and
- (4) Meet the age requirements of WAC 296-125-030.