# WSR 26-19-074
# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
(Examining Board of Psychology)
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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Psychology rule chapter update. The examining board of psychology (board) is considering amending chapter 246-924 WAC, Psychologists, to improve the clarity, consistency, and usability of the chapter and to ensure the rules address current regulatory needs, as well as to clarify, streamline, and correct rule language.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 18.83.050, 18.83.070, and 18.83.170.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The board will consider rule amendments on issues including, but not limited to:

- The role of ancillary staff;
- Upcoming changes to the examination of professional practice of psychology;
- The role of the jurisprudence examination in sanctions;
- Licensure of applicants with out-of-country education and professional experience; and
- The rules of ethical conduct in WAC 246-924-353 through 246-924-475.

The board will also consider amendments to clarify, streamline, and correct rule language including, but not limited to:

- Consolidating all definitions into a single rule section;
- Clarifying supervision requirements for alternative internships;
- Clarifying requirements for retired active status;
- Removing the jurisprudence examination for probationary license candidates; and
- Clarifying rules on temporary permits.

The board may also consider additional topics raised by the board, department of health, or members of the public.

Rule making is needed to clarify existing requirements, remove outdated or unnecessary provisions, make corrections, and improve consistency and usability throughout the chapter. These updates will help ensure the rules remain clear, current, and effective for applicants, licensees, and the board while supporting efficient program administration and public safety.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: None.

Process for Developing New Rule: Collaborative rule making.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Nancy Delgado, P.O. Box 47850, Olympia, WA 98504-7850, phone 360-236-4951, TTY 711, email psychology@doh.wa.gov, website www.doh.wa.gov.

Additional comments: Interested parties can participate in drafting the proposed rules. The board will be conducting rules workshops with interested parties and subject matter experts. The board will use the examining board of psychology's email list to inform interested parties of opportunities to provide input on proposed rule language.

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