



# RULE-MAKING ORDER PERMANENT RULE ONLY

## CR-103P (December 2017) (Implements RCW 34.05.360)

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**Agency:** Department of Health - Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission

**Effective date of rule:**

**Permanent Rules**

- 31 days after filing.  
 Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_ (If less than 31 days after filing, a specific finding under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required and should be stated below)

**Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?**

- Yes  No If Yes, explain:

**Purpose:** The Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission (commission) is repealing continuing education requirements established in chapter 246-861 WAC and WAC 246-901-061 as such requirements are also in practice in more current sections of rule, WAC 246-945-178 and WAC 246-945-220.

The commission completed a major rules consolidation project in 2020 in which various sections and chapters in Title 246 WAC were either repealed or consolidated into the new chapter 246-945 WAC. The new continuing education requirements in chapter 246-945 WAC require pharmacists whose licenses expire on or after December 1, 2021 to complete the equivalent of 3.0 continuing pharmacy education units (CPE) administered by an Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) accredited provider prior to renewing their license. Pharmacy technicians whose licenses expire on or after December 1, 2021 must complete the equivalent of 2.0 CPE administered by an ACPE accredited provider. Additionally, the license renewal cycle for both licensee groups is increased from one year to two years.

Transitioning all licensees onto the new renewal cycle took one year from December 1, 2021 because everyone had to have one renewal cycle to get onto the 2-year cycle. In other words, updated continuing education requirements did not take effect for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians whose licenses expired before December 1, 2022 because the new CE rules correspond with a two-year license cycle and a change in license fees to match that cycle. This required the older sections of rule establishing continuing education standards--WAC 246-861-090 and WAC 246-901-061--be maintained until the one year license cycle for those pharmacists and pharmacy technicians ended on December 1, 2022. The commission issued a guidance document (G001) that went into effect on July 1, 2020 and updated it on December 3, 2020 for the purpose of retaining the older sections of rule until the December 1, 2022 expiration date. Now that the expiration date has passed, the commission is repealing these rules.

**Citation of rules affected by this order:**

New: None  
Repealed: WAC 246-861-010, WAC 246-861-020, WAC 246-861-040, WAC 246-861-050, WAC 246-861-055, WAC 246-861-060, WAC 246-861-090, WAC 246-861-095, WAC 246-861-105, and WAC 246-901-061  
Amended: None  
Suspended: None

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 18.64.005, RCW 18.64A.020

**Other authority:**

**PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)**

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 23-05-010 on February 2, 2023 .  
Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: None.

If a preliminary cost-benefit analysis was prepared under RCW 34.05.328, a final cost-benefit analysis is available by contacting:

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**Note: If any category is left blank, it will be calculated as zero.  
No descriptive text.**

**Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note.  
A section may be counted in more than one category.**

**The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:**

Federal statute:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
Federal rules or standards:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>

**The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:**

New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
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**The number of sections adopted on the agency's own initiative:**

New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>10</u>
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**The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:**

New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
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**The number of sections adopted using:**

Negotiated rule making:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
Pilot rule making:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
Other alternative rule making:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>10</u>

**Date Adopted:** 8/23/2023

**Name:** Kenneth Kenyon, PharmD, BCPS

**Title:** Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission Chair

**Signature:**



REPEALER

The following chapter of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed:

WAC 246-861-010	Definitions.
WAC 246-861-020	Renewal requirements.
WAC 246-861-040	Applications for approval of continuing education program—Post-approval of continuing education program.
WAC 246-861-050	Continuing education program approved providers.
WAC 246-861-055	Continuing education program.
WAC 246-861-060	Instructors' credit toward continuing education unit.
WAC 246-861-090	Amount of continuing education.
WAC 246-861-095	Pharmacists licensed in other health professions.
WAC 246-861-105	Suicide prevention education.

REPEALER

The following chapter of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed:

WAC 246-901-061      Pharmacy technician—Continuing  
education requirements.