



RULE-MAKING ORDER

PERMANENT RULE ONLY

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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: Pharmacy Intern Credentials - Extending the duration of temporary practice permits for pharmacy interns and establishing a renewal extension process for pharmacy interns. The Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission (commission) is adopting amendments to WAC 246-945-155 and WAC 246-945-156 related to pharmacy intern registration requirements. Specifically, the commission amended WAC 246-945-155 to grant additional renewals to pharmacy interns to address concerns raised by interested parties. Additionally, the commission amended WAC 246-945-156 to extend the duration of pharmacy intern temporary practice permits to 180 days which stems from compliance with 2SHB 1009.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New: None
Repealed: None
Amended: WAC 246-945-155 and 246-945-156
Suspended: None

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 18.64.005, 18.64.080, and 18.340.020.

Other authority: None

PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 24-17-007 on August 8, 2024.

Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: None

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Other: N/A

**Note: If any category is left blank, it will be calculated as zero.
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**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	Repealed	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	Repealed	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>1</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	Repealed	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	Repealed	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>1</u>	Repealed	<u>0</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>2</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>2</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>

Date Adopted: November 20, 2024

Name: Hawkins DeFrance, PharmD

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 20-12-072, filed 6/1/20, effective 7/1/20)

WAC 246-945-155 Pharmacy interns—Registration requirements.

(1) Unless otherwise stated, each individual shall register with the commission, as a pharmacy intern before beginning pharmacy practice experiences in Washington state. The commission shall grant a registration to practice pharmacy as a pharmacy intern to an individual who is:

(a) Currently enrolled in a professional degree program of a commission accredited school or college of pharmacy and making satisfactory progress towards meeting the requirements for licensure as a pharmacist;

(b) A graduate of a commission accredited school or college of pharmacy;

(c) A graduate of a school or college of pharmacy located outside the United States who has established educational equivalency by obtaining certification by FPGEAC;

(d) Required by the commission to be an intern because the commission has determined the individual needs to complete additional practical experience before a pharmacist license is issued or reissued; or

(e) An out-of-state pharmacist enrolled in or participating in an established residency program.

(2) A pharmacy intern shall practice under the immediate supervision of a licensed pharmacist except in accordance with RCW 18.64.253.

(3) A pharmacy intern registration (~~(can only)~~) may be renewed ((twice)) three times. The commission may, for good cause shown, authorize additional renewals for a pharmacy intern registrant who meets all pharmacy intern registration requirements in WAC 246-945-150, subsection (1)(a) through (e) of this section, RCW 18.64.080, and provides an explanation and documentation of good cause.

(4) The commission may consider a pharmacy intern registration inoperable or superseded if one of the following occurs:

(a) A pharmacy intern has not graduated from and is no longer enrolled or in good standing with a commission accredited school or college of pharmacy.

(b) A pharmacy intern is issued a license to practice as a pharmacist in Washington state or another U.S. jurisdiction.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 24-11-060, filed 5/13/24, effective 6/13/24)

WAC 246-945-156 Pharmacy intern—Temporary practice permit. (1)

An individual that holds a pharmacy intern registration in another U.S. jurisdiction, that has registration standards substantially equivalent to Washington, may request a temporary practice permit if:

(a) The applicant is not subject to denial of a credential or issuance of a conditional or restricted credential in any state;

(b) Does not have a criminal record in Washington state;

(c) The applicant's fingerprint-based national background check results are pending; and

(d) The applicant meets WAC 246-945-155 (1)(a) or (b).

(2) To request a temporary practice permit, the pharmacy intern applicant shall submit a written request for a temporary practice permit, and any applicable fees in accordance with WAC 246-945-990 through 246-945-992.

(3) A temporary practice permit expires:

(a) When the pharmacy intern registration is issued;

(b) When a notice of decision on the pharmacy intern registration application is mailed to the applicant; or

(c) (~~Ninety~~) One hundred eighty days after the temporary practice permit is issued. The applicant may obtain a one-time extension of up to 90 days with approval of the commission.