



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Department of Health

Subject of possible rule making: Psychologist and psychology associate fees.

The Department of Health (department) is considering revisions to WAC 246-924-990, Psychology fees and renewal cycle, to: (1) update application, renewal, and other fees for a psychologist license; (2) establish a fee schedule for a licensed psychological associate license; and (3) establish a fee schedule for participation in the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (Psypact).

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 18.83.060, 18.83A.130, 43.70.250, and 43.70.280

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:

RCW 43.70.250 requires that the costs of each professional licensing program “be fully borne by the members of that profession” through fees. The Examining Board of Psychology’s (board) fees were last adjusted by the department in 2019. Since then, program expenses have grown, so that revenue collected through fees is no longer sufficient to administer the program and maintain an appropriate reserve balance.

Rulemaking to amend and establish fees is necessary to consider the following issues:

- Establishing fees for the new licensed psychological associate credential, created by Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 2247 (chapter 371, Laws of 2024);
- Establishing fees for participation in Psypact, adopted by Substitute House Bill 1286 (chapter 5, Laws of 2022); and
- Amending psychologist licensure fees, authorized by RCW 18.83.060, 18.83A.130, 43.70.250, and 43.70.280.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: None.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe) Collaborative rulemaking.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:

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Additional comments: Interested parties can participate in drafting the proposed rules. The department and the board will be conducting rules workshops with interested parties and subject matter experts. The GovDelivery Examining Board of Psychology list will be used to inform interested parties of opportunities to provide input on proposed rule language.

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Date: February 3, 2025

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