



PROPOSED RULE MAKING

CR-102 (June 2024)
(Implements RCW 34.05.320)
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WSR 25-09-170

Agency: Department of Health

☒ **Original Notice**

☐ **Supplemental Notice to WSR**

☐ **Continuance of WSR**

☒ **Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 24-13-114 ; or**

☐ **Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR _____; or**

☐ **Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4) or 34.05.330(1); or**

☐ **Proposal is exempt under RCW _____.**

Title of rule and other identifying information: Certification of magnetic resonance imaging technologists. The Department of Health (department) is proposing creating a new section of rule and amending existing rules in chapter 246-926 WAC, Radiologic imaging professionals, to implement Substitute House Bill (SHB) 2355 (chapter 94, Laws of 2024), which establishes certification of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) technologists. The department also proposes housekeeping edits and updates related specifically to establishing and regulating MRI technologists.

Hearing location(s):

Date:	Time:	Location: (be specific)	Comment:
May 28, 2025	9:00 AM	Virtual Hearing Register in advance for this webinar: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_jEVTssq3QrGGpIGYeazdQw After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.	The Department of Health will be offering a virtual hearing. Comments may also be submitted in writing.

Date of intended adoption: June 4, 2025 (Note: This is **NOT** the effective date)

Submit written comments to:

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Other: <https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/policyreview>

Beginning (date and time): The date and time of this filing

By (date and time): May 28, 2025, 11:59 PM

Assistance for persons with disabilities:

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By (date): May 21, 2025

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules: The proposed rules update the requirements for radiologic imaging professionals, under chapter 246-926 WAC, to establish a new designation in the profession for MRI technologists. The changes to existing rules will outline the certification pathway for MRI technologists in Washington state and regulate the standards of this credential type to protect the safety of patient care. By establishing the

new MRI credential, the department anticipates that the radiologic imaging profession will have a clearer scope of practice. This proposed rule change will allow radiologic imaging professionals to become certified as MRI technologists through the nationally recognized accrediting organizations.

Reasons supporting proposal: The department is proposing adding a new section to and updating sections of chapter 246-926 WAC to implement SHB 2355, which establishes a new certification of MRI technologists.

The department is proposing a new section, WAC 246-926-125, and necessary amendments to WAC 246-926-020, 246-926-030, 246-926-095, 246-926-135, 246-926-150, 246-926-155, 246-926-165, and 246-926-990 to establish the new MRI credential.

Rulemaking is necessary to establish a new credential type under the radiological technologist chapter, including rules on application processes, primary and alternative education and training pathways, national certification examinations, and fees.

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 18.84.040, 18.84.080, 43.70.250, and Substitute House Bill 2355 (chapter 94, Laws of 2024) in chapter 18.84 RCW

Statute being implemented: RCW 18.84.080

Is rule necessary because of a:

Federal Law?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Federal Court Decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
State Court Decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

If yes, CITATION:

Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters: None

Name of proponent: (person or organization): Department of Health

Type of proponent: ☐ Private. ☐ Public. ☒ Governmental.

Name of agency personnel responsible for:

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Is a school district fiscal impact statement required under [RCW 28A.305.135](#)? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, insert statement here:

The public may obtain a copy of the school district fiscal impact statement by contacting:

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Other

Is a cost-benefit analysis required under [RCW 34.05.328](#)?

☒ Yes: A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:

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Other	N/A

☐ No: Please explain:

Regulatory Fairness Act and Small Business Economic Impact Statement

Note: The [Governor's Office for Regulatory Innovation and Assistance \(ORIA\)](#) provides support in completing this part.

(1) Identification of exemptions:

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, **may be exempt** from requirements of the Regulatory Fairness Act (see [chapter 19.85 RCW](#)). For additional information on exemptions, consult the [exemption guide published by ORIA](#). Please check the box for any applicable exemption(s):

☐ This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under [RCW 19.85.061](#) because this rule making is being adopted solely to conform and/or comply with federal statute or regulations. Please cite the specific federal statute or regulation this rule is being adopted to conform or comply with, and describe the consequences to the state if the rule is not adopted.

Citation and description:

☐ This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt because the agency has completed the pilot rule process defined by [RCW 34.05.313](#) before filing the notice of this proposed rule.

☐ This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under the provisions of [RCW 15.65.570\(2\)](#) because it was adopted by a referendum.

☒ This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under [RCW 19.85.025\(3\)](#). Check all that apply:

☐ [RCW 34.05.310](#) (4)(b)
(Internal government operations)

☒ [RCW 34.05.310](#) (4)(e)
(Dictated by statute)

☐ [RCW 34.05.310](#) (4)(c)
(Incorporation by reference)

☐ [RCW 34.05.310](#) (4)(f)
(Set or adjust fees)

☐ [RCW 34.05.310](#) (4)(d)
(Correct or clarify language)

☐ [RCW 34.05.310](#) (4)(g)
((i) Relating to agency hearings; or (ii) process requirements for applying to an agency for a license or permit)

☒ This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under [RCW 19.85.025\(4\)](#). (Does not affect small businesses).

☐ This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under RCW _____.

Explanation of how the above exemption(s) applies to the proposed rule:

RCW 19.85.025(4) - The proposed rules impact only licensing of individual radiologic technologists, certified as magnetic resonance imaging technologists as health providers or applicants, not small businesses.

RCW 34.05.310 (4)(e) – The proposed rules are implemented from certifications stipulated in statute, under chapter 18.84 RCW, to regulate the magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) professionals.

(2) Scope of exemptions: *Check one.*

☒ The rule proposal: Is fully exempt. (*Skip section 3.*) Exemptions identified above apply to all portions of the rule proposal.

☐ The rule proposal: Is partially exempt. (*Complete section 3.*) The exemptions identified above apply to portions of the rule proposal, but less than the entire rule proposal. Provide details here (consider using [this template from ORIA](#)):

☐ The rule proposal: Is not exempt. (*Complete section 3.*) No exemptions were identified above.

(3) Small business economic impact statement: *Complete this section if any portion is not exempt.*

If any portion of the proposed rule is **not exempt**, does it impose more-than-minor costs (as defined by RCW 19.85.020(2)) on businesses?

☐ No Briefly summarize the agency's minor cost analysis and how the agency determined the proposed rule did not impose more-than-minor costs.

☐ Yes Calculations show the rule proposal likely imposes more-than-minor cost to businesses and a small business economic impact statement is required. Insert the required small business economic impact statement here:

The public may obtain a copy of the small business economic impact statement or the detailed cost calculations by contacting:

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Other

Date: April 23, 2025 Name: Kristin Peterson, JD for Jessica Todorovich, MS Title: Chief of Policy for Acting Secretary of Health	Signature: 
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