



PROPOSED RULE MAKING

CR-102 (June 2024)
(Implements RCW 34.05.320)
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WSR 25-15-147

Agency: Department of Health

☒ Original Notice

☐ Supplemental Notice to WSR

☐ Continuance of WSR

☒ Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 25-10-030; 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: (describe subject)

Naturopathic Physician Licensure Fees - Removing the Jurisprudence exam fee from the Naturopathic physician licensure fees in WAC 246-836-990. The Department of Health (department) in consultation with the Board of Naturopathy (board), is proposing removing the jurisprudence examination fee from rule to align with the recent changes to the naturopathic licensure requirements.

Hearing location(s):

Date:	Time:	Location: (be specific)	Comment:
8/26/2025	2:00 PM	<p>The rule hearing will be virtual.</p> <p>Register in advance for this webinar:</p> <p>https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_hPlawRliSruJkAWrQn-qMQ</p> <p>After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.</p>	<p>The Department of Health will be offering a virtual webinar hearing only. Individuals may attend virtually or submit comments in writing.</p>

Date of intended adoption: 8/29/2025 (Note: This is **NOT** the effective date)

Submit written comments to:

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Beginning (date and time) The date and time of this filing
By (date and time) 8/26/2025 at 11:59 PM

Assistance for persons with disabilities:

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Other n/a
By (date) 8/19/2025

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:

In February 2025, the board adopted amendments to WAC 246-836-020 and 246-836-040 that remove the jurisprudence exam as a requirement for initial licensure as a naturopathic physician and instead require the exam to maintain licensure.

The purpose of the board's amendment was to align current rules with the licensure requirements in RCW 18.130.077 and remove barriers for incoming out of state applicants.

Additionally, the board made the decision to transition the exam from a paper format to only offer it in an electric format, which comes at no cost to individuals who need to take the exam.

To align with the board's recent rule changes, the department is proposing to remove the jurisprudence exam fee from WAC 246-836-990, Naturopathic physician licensing fees and renewal cycle.

Reasons supporting proposal: RCW 43.70.250 authorizes the department of health establish fees associated with the licensing and regulation of professions. The purpose of this amendment is to align the fees with the boards recent rule changes related to the naturopathic physicians jurisprudence examination requirements.

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 18.36A.060, 43.70.250, and 43.70.280

Statute being implemented: RCW 43.70.250

Is rule necessary because of a:

Federal Law?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Federal Court Decision?

☐ Yes ☒ No

State Court Decision?

☐ Yes ☒ 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:

Name

Address

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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

☒ No: The agency did not complete a cost-benefit analysis under RCW 34.05.328. RCW 34.05.328 (5)(b)(vi) exempts rules that set or adjust fees or rates pursuant to legislative standards.

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: Under RCW 19.85.025 and 34.05.310 (4)(f), a small business economic impact statement is not required for proposed rules that set or adjust fees or rates pursuant to legislative standards.

(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: July 22, 2025 Name: Kristin Peterson, JD for Dennis E. Worsham Title: Chief of Policy for Secretary of Health	Signature: 
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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 17-24-014 and 17-22-088, filed 11/27/17 and 10/27/17, effective 3/1/18)

WAC 246-836-990 Naturopathic physician licensing fees and renewal cycle. (1) Licenses must be renewed every year on the practitioner's birthday as provided in chapter 246-12 WAC(~~(, Part 2)~~).

(2) The following nonrefundable fees will be charged:

Title of Fee	Amount
Original application	
((State jurisprudence examination	\$100.00))
Initial state license	270.00
UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)	16.00
License renewal	
Renewal	440.00
Late renewal penalty	220.00
Expired license reissuance	65.00
UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)	16.00
Duplicate license	10.00
Verification of license	25.00
((State jurisprudence examination	100.00))

* The University of Washington HEAL-WA web portal access fee, required under RCW 43.70.110, is assessed with the initial application fee and the license renewal fee.