



EXPEDITED RULE MAKING

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Agency: Department of Health

Title of rule and other identifying information: (describe subject) Licensed Mental Health Counselor Associates - University of Washington Health Sciences Library (HEAL-WA) fee. for licensed mental health counselor associates. The Department of Health (department) is proposing amendments to WAC 246-809-990 to add the HEAL-WA fee to align with changes made by House Bill (HB) 1190 (chapter 19, Laws of 2025).

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

HB 1190 expands access for licensed mental health counselor associates to the online health sciences library. This proposal amends WAC 246-809-990 to add the \$16 HEAL-WA fee to the list of fees required for licensed mental health counselor associates for both initial licensure and at renewal.

Reasons supporting proposal:

As dictated by statute, rulemaking is required to establish the HEAL-WA fee for licensed mental health counselor associates. The HEAL-WA web portal supports public health by providing the participating practitioners with access to the latest evidence based health care information. Having access to current, peer reviewed, clinical information improves a practitioner's ability to respond to patient questions, develop treatment plans, and deliver quality care to their patients. The proposed amendments to WAC 246-809-990 will ensure that the section accurately reflects the fees.

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 18.225.040 and HB 1190 (chapter 19, Laws of 2025) codified in RCW 43.70.110.

Statute being implemented: RCW 43.70.110

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:

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

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

Expedited Adoption - Which of the following criteria was used by the agency to file this notice:

- ☐ Relates only to internal governmental operations that are not subject to violation by a person;
- ☐ Adopts or incorporates by reference without material change federal statutes or regulations, Washington state statutes, rules of other Washington state agencies, shoreline master programs other than those programs governing shorelines of statewide significance, or, as referenced by Washington state law, national consensus codes that generally establish industry standards, if the material adopted or incorporated regulates the same subject matter and conduct as the adopting or incorporating rule;
- ☐ Corrects typographical errors, make address or name changes, or clarify language of a rule without changing its effect;
- ☒ Content is explicitly and specifically dictated by statute;
- ☐ Have been the subject of negotiated rule making, pilot rule making, or some other process that involved substantial participation by interested parties before the development of the proposed rule; or
- ☐ Is being amended after a review under RCW 34.05.328.

Expedited Repeal - Which of the following criteria was used by the agency to file notice:

- ☐ The statute on which the rule is based has been repealed and has not been replaced by another statute providing statutory authority for the rule;
- ☐ The statute on which the rule is based has been declared unconstitutional by a court with jurisdiction, there is a final judgment, and no statute has been enacted to replace the unconstitutional statute;
- ☐ The rule is no longer necessary because of changed circumstances; or
- ☐ Other rules of the agency or of another agency govern the same activity as the rule, making the rule redundant.

Explanation of the reason the agency believes the expedited rule-making process is appropriate pursuant to RCW 34.05.353(4): The expedited rulemaking process is appropriate because the proposed amendments align the rules with the statute. It is necessary to implement the legislation appropriately.

NOTICE

THIS RULE IS BEING PROPOSED UNDER AN EXPEDITED RULE-MAKING PROCESS THAT WILL ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR THE AGENCY TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS, PREPARE A SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT, OR PROVIDE RESPONSES TO THE CRITERIA FOR A SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATIVE RULE. IF YOU OBJECT TO THIS USE OF THE EXPEDITED RULE-MAKING PROCESS, YOU MUST EXPRESS YOUR OBJECTIONS IN WRITING AND THEY MUST BE SENT TO

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WAC 246-809-990 Licensed counselor, and associate—Fees and renewal cycle. (1) Except for a probationary license as described in WAC 246-809-095, a license must be renewed every year on the practitioner's birthday as provided in chapter 246-12 WAC.

(2) An associate license is valid for one year and must be renewed every year on the date of issuance.

(3) The following nonrefundable fees will be charged:

Title	Fee
Licensed marriage and family therapist	
Original application	
Application and initial license	\$290.00
UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)	16.00
Active license renewal	
Renewal	180.00
Late renewal penalty	90.00
Expired license reissuance	85.00
UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)	16.00
Retired active license renewal	
Renewal	70.00
Late renewal penalty	35.00
UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)	16.00
Duplicate license	10.00
Verification of license	25.00
Licensed marriage and family therapy associate	
Original application	
Application	65.00
UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)	16.00
Renewal	
Renewal	50.00
UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)	16.00
Late renewal penalty	50.00
Expired license reissuance	40.00
Duplicate license	10.00
Verification of license	25.00
Licensed mental health counselor	
Original application	
Application	95.00
Initial license	80.00
UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)	16.00
Active license renewal	
Renewal	125.00
Late renewal penalty	65.00
Expired license reissuance	65.00
UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)	16.00
Retired active license renewal	

Title	Fee
Renewal retired active	70.00
Late renewal penalty	35.00
UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)	16.00
Duplicate license	10.00
Verification of license	25.00
Licensed mental health counselor associate	
Original application	
Application	35.00
<u>UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)</u>	<u>16.00</u>
Renewal	
Renewal	25.00
<u>UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)</u>	<u>16.00</u>
Late renewal penalty	25.00
Expired license reissuance	40.00
Duplicate license	10.00
Verification of license	25.00
Licensed advanced social worker and licensed independent clinical social worker	
Original application	
Application and initial license	170.00
UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)	16.00
Active license renewal	
Renewal	70.00
Late renewal penalty	50.00
Expired license reissuance	72.50
UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)	16.00
Retired active license renewal	
Renewal retired active	65.00
Late renewal penalty	30.00
UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)	16.00
Duplicate license	10.00
Verification of license	25.00
Licensed advanced social worker associate and licensed independent clinical social worker associate	
Original application	
Application	35.00
UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)*	16.00
Renewal	
Renewal	25.00
Late renewal penalty	25.00
UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)*	16.00
Expired license reissuance	40.00
Duplicate license	10.00
Verification of license	25.00

* Surcharge applies to independent clinical social worker associate only.

(4) For a probationary license as described under WAC 246-809-095, the following nonrefundable fees will be charged:

Title	Fee
Licensed marriage and family therapist	
Original application	
Application and initial license	\$290.00
Active license renewal	
Renewal	180.00
Late renewal penalty	90.00
Expired license reissuance	85.00
Duplicate license	10.00
Verification of license	25.00
Licensed mental health counselor	
Original application	
Application and initial license	175.00
Active license renewal	
Renewal	90.00
Late renewal penalty	50.00
Expired license reissuance	65.00
Duplicate license	10.00
Verification of license	25.00
Licensed advanced social worker and licensed independent clinical social worker	
Original application	
Application and initial license	200.00
Active license renewal	
Renewal	100.00
Late renewal penalty	50.00
Expired license reissuance	72.50
Duplicate license	10.00
Verification of license	25.00