



PROPOSED RULE MAKING

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WSR 25-18-054

Agency: Department of Health — Podiatric Medical Board

☒ **Original Notice**

☐ **Supplemental Notice to WSR**

☐ **Continuance of WSR**

☒ **Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 24-16-137; 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) Removing licensure barriers for podiatric physicians and surgeons.

The Podiatric Medical Board (board) is proposing amendments to WAC 246-922-055, Reciprocity requirements, to modernize and clarify language that reduces licensure barriers for podiatric physicians and surgeons entering in the Washington workforce. The board is proposing amendments that clarify reciprocity requirements and align the rule in order to comply with Section 8 of Second Substitute House Bill (2SHB) 1724 (chapter 425, Laws of 2023) codified as RCW 18.130.077.

Hearing location(s):

Date:	Time:	Location: (be specific)	Comment:
October 23, 2025	9:00am	<p>Physical Location:</p> <p>Department of Health TC2, Room 153 111 Israel Rd SE Tumwater, WA 98501</p> <p>Virtual</p> <p>Register in advance for this webinar:</p> <p>https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_c0lt5WddQluoY6Y5bhkolQ</p> <p>Webinar ID: 898 1421 7196</p> <p>After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.</p>	The public hearing will be held in a hybrid format. Participants can attend in person at the physical location or virtually by registering via zoom.

Date of intended adoption: 10/23/25 (Note: This is **NOT** the **effective** date)

Submit written comments to:

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Assistance for persons with disabilities:

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Beginning (date and time) the date and time of this filing	Other
By (date and time) 10/13/2025 at 11:59pm	By (date) 10/13/2025

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules: RCW 18.130.077 requires that disciplining authorities review licensure requirements and remove barriers for entering in the Washington workforce. The objective of the RCW 18.130.077 is to allow disciplining authorities to waive education, training, experience, and exam requirements for applicants who have been credentialed in another state or states with substantially equivalent standards.

The board reviewed WAC 246-922-055 and is proposing amendments that not only align the rule with RCW 18.130.077, but also restructure the rule to clearly lay out the requirements needed for out of state applicants entering in the Washington workforce.

Reasons supporting proposal:

The intent of the RCW 18.130.077 is to make disciplining authorities review and adjust licensure requirements to remove barriers to entering and remaining in the health care workforce, and to streamline and shorten the credentialing process.

The purpose of the proposed changes are to align the board's reciprocity requirements with RCW 18.130.077 and provide clear guidance for out of state applicants entering the Washington workforce. The board is proposing amendments that restructure WAC 246-922-055 so that the rule is clear, concise, and readable without changing the intent of the rule.

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 18.22.015 and 18.130.077

Statute being implemented: RCW 18.130.077

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) Podiatric Medical Board
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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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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☒ No: Please explain: The proposed rule is exempt from a cost benefit analysis under RCW 34.05.328(5)(b)(v) because the proposed rule is explicitly dictated by statute.

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)(c)
(Incorporation by reference)
- ☐ [RCW 34.05.310](#) (4)(d)
(Correct or clarify language)

- ☒ [RCW 34.05.310](#) (4)(e)
(Dictated by statute)
- ☐ [RCW 34.05.310](#) (4)(f)
(Set or adjust fees)
- ☐ [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: This rule only impacts the licensing of providers and not business.

(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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Date: August 27, 2025

Name: James Chaney

Title: Executive Director, Podiatric Medical Board

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Chaney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

WAC 246-922-055 Reciprocity requirements. ((An applicant licensed in another state must file with the secretary verification of the license certified by the proper authorities of the issuing state to include the issue date, license number, current expiration date, and whether any action has been taken to revoke, suspend, restrict, or otherwise sanction the licensee for unprofessional conduct or that the licensee may not be able to practice his or her profession with reasonable skill and safety to consumers as a result of a physical or mental condition. The applicant must document that the educational standards, eligibility requirements, and examinations of that state are substantially equivalent to those of this state.)) (1) An applicant may qualify for licensure as a podiatric physician under this section if the applicant is currently licensed in a substantially equivalent state and meets the conditions listed under RCW 18.130.077(3).

(2) All applicants applying for licensure under this section must submit:

(a) A completed application on forms provided by the department; and

(b) The licensing fees required in WAC 246-922-990.

(3) If an applicant applying for licensure under this section meets the requirements in RCW 18.130.077(1), the board shall waive the education, training, experience, and exam requirements for the applicant.

(4) If an applicant does not meet the requirements described in subsection (1) or (2) of this section, the applicant shall apply for licensure under WAC 246-922-033.