



RULE-MAKING ORDER PERMANENT RULE ONLY

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Agency: Department of Health

Effective date of rule:

Permanent Rules

- ☒ 31 days after filing.
☐ Other (specify) _____ (If less than 31 days after filing, a specific finding under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required and should be stated below)

Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?

- ☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes, explain:

Purpose: Naturopathic Physician Licensure Fees - Removing the Jurisprudence exam fee from the Naturopathic physician licensure fees in WAC 246-836-990. In February 2025, the Board of Naturopathy (board) adopted amendments to WAC 246-836-020 and 246-836-040 that remove the jurisprudence exam as a requirement for initial licensure 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 electronic 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 of Health (department) has adopted amendments that remove the jurisprudence exam fee.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New: None
Repealed: None
Amended: WAC 246-836-990
Suspended: None

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

Other authority: None

PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 25-15-147 on 7/22/25 (date).

Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: None

If a preliminary cost-benefit analysis was prepared under RCW 34.05.328, a final cost-benefit analysis is available by contacting:

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**Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note.
A section may be counted in more than one category.**

The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:

Federal statute:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
Federal rules or standards:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>

The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:

New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
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The number of sections adopted on the agency's own initiative:

New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>1</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
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The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:

New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>1</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
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The number of sections adopted using:

Negotiated rule making:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
Pilot rule making:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
Other alternative rule making:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>1</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>

Date Adopted: September 23, 2025

Name: Kristin Peterson, JD for Dennis E. Worsham

Title: Chief of Policy for Secretary of Health

Signature:



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.