



Public Notification and Meeting Announcement

For Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) or Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Training Courses – Expanding Education for Initial Training to Students who are 16 years of Age
CR-101 for WAC 246-976-022 and WAC 246-976-041

Rulemaking

The Department of Health's Office of Community Health Systems, EMS and Trauma Care Section officially filed a CR-101 with the Office of the Code Reviser on **October 7, 2025**, to open WAC 246-976-022 and WAC 246-976-041. Other amendments to sections or adding new sections in chapter 246-976 WAC may also be considered to address this specific topic. **The WSR number is 25-21-026.**

For emergency medical responder (EMR) or emergency medical technician (EMT) training courses – expanding education for initial training to students who are 16 years of age.

The Department of Health (department) is pursuing rulemaking in response to new legislative requirements under House Bill (HB) 1722 (chapter 98, Laws of 2025), authorizing a student who is 16 years of age to enroll in an initial EMR or EMT training course. The department is considering amendments to WAC 246-976-022 EMS training program requirements, approval, reapproval, and discipline. and WAC 246-976-041 To apply for training. Other amendments to sections or adding new sections in chapter 246-976 WAC may also be considered to address this specific topic.

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EMS Rules for Stakeholder Meetings

In response to the CR-101 filing, the department has scheduled stakeholder meetings and invites EMS & Trauma committee members and members of the public to discuss amendments.

All scheduled stakeholder meetings are open public meetings. The meeting schedule is posted and regularly updated on the [EMS Rules Development web page](#).

Rulemaking meetings will be held virtually through the Department using Microsoft Teams.



The kickoff meeting for stakeholder participation in drafting amendments to rules is scheduled for November 19, 2025, at 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. [Join the meeting now](#). WAC 246-976-022 EMS training program requirements, approval, reapproval, discipline, and WAC 246-976-041 To apply for training.

Web conferencing information will be sent out via GovDelivery and is also posted on the [EMS Rules Development web page](#).

Public Comment

If you choose, please submit any comment(s) prior to a scheduled meeting, using the department-provided [Comment form in PDF version](#).

You may also submit a comment form if you're unable to attend a meeting but have a concern that you'd like to discuss in the meeting. Your cooperation will help ensure that all comments are taken into consideration when the final draft rules are adopted.

If you are unable to attend a meeting or choose to submit a comment prior to a scheduled meeting, please fill out the comment form and email the completed form to HSQA.EMS@doh.wa.gov.

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