



PROPOSED RULE MAKING

CR-102 (June 2024)
(Implements RCW 34.05.320)
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WSR 25-21-027

Agency: Department of Health – Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission

☒ **Original Notice**

☐ **Supplemental Notice to WSR**

☐ **Continuance of WSR**

☒ **Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as** WSR 25-15-162; **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: Disciplinary action reporting time frame. The Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission (commission) is proposing to amend WAC 246-945-231 to clarify the time frame for pharmaceutical firms to report disciplinary action to the commission.

Hearing location(s):

| Date: | Time: | Location: | Comment: |
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| December 4, 2025 | 10:30 a.m. | Physical Location: Labor & Industries 7273 Linderson Way S.W. Tumwater, WA 98501 Virtual Location: Virtual: To access the meeting on December 4, 2025 at 10:30 am, go to https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86309299195 or https://zoom.us/join and use the Webinar ID 863 0929 9195 The access options include one tap mobile: +12532158782,,86309299195# US (Tacoma) +12532050468,,86309299195# US Or Telephone: Dial (for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location): +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma) +1 253 205 0468 US | The commission will hold a hybrid hearing. Attendees are welcome to attend either in-person at the physical location or virtual via Zoom. |

Date of intended adoption: December 4, 2025 (Note: This is **NOT** the **effective** date)

Submit written comments to:

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Other: <https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/policyreview>
Beginning (date and time): The date and time of this filing
By (date and time): November 20, 2025 at 11:59 p.m.

Assistance for persons with disabilities:

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Other: None
By (date): November 20, 2025

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| Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules: The commission is proposing to amend WAC 246-945-231 to clarify the time frame for pharmaceutical firms to report disciplinary action, including denial, revocation, suspension, or restriction to practice by another state, federal, or foreign authority, to the commission. The proposed rule amends WAC 246-945-231 by incorporating the reporting time frame of 30 calendar days that is already required by WAC 246-16-220 to clarify the pharmacy rule without changing its effect. Commission staff received feedback from interested parties about challenges concerning a time frame for pharmaceutical firms credentialed by the commission to report disciplinary action by another state, federal, or foreign authority to the commission per WAC 246-945-231. | | |
| Reasons supporting proposal: There is currently no specified time frame for pharmaceutical firms to report disciplinary action by another state, federal, or foreign authority to the commission. Incorporating the 30-day time frame will clarify the reporting requirement is consistent with the mandatory reporting timeframe already established in WAC 246-16-220. The commission is addressing feedback from interested parties that the current lack of time frame clarification poses a challenge. | | |
| Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 18.64.005 | | |
| Statute being implemented: RCW 18.64.005 | | |
| 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) Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission Type of proponent: <input type="checkbox"/> Private. <input type="checkbox"/> Public. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Governmental. | | |
| Name of agency personnel responsible for: | | |
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| Is a school district fiscal impact statement required under RCW 28A.305.135? | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| If yes, insert statement here: | | |
| The public may obtain a copy of the school district fiscal impact statement by contacting: Name Address Phone Fax TTY Email Other | | |
| Is a cost-benefit analysis required under RCW 34.05.328? | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes: A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting: Name Address Phone Fax TTY Email Other | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: Please explain: A cost-benefit analysis is exempt under RCW 34.05.328(5)(b)(iv) as the proposed rule clarifies language of a rule without changing its effect. | | |

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: The amendment to WAC 246-945-231 is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4)(c) because it clarifies the 30-day time frame that is already required under another rule, WAC 246-16-220.

(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:

Name
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TTY
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Other

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| Date: October 7, 2025 Name: Hawkins DeFrance, PharmD Title: Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission Chair | Signature:  |
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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 25-07-097, filed 3/18/25, effective 4/18/25)

WAC 246-945-231 Reporting disciplinary action. Any pharmaceutical firm credentialed by the commission must report to the commission any disciplinary action, including denial, revocation, suspension, or restriction to practice by another state, federal, or foreign authority within 30 calendar days of the determination or finding as defined in WAC 246-16-210.