

Department of Health
Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission
Policy Statement

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<i>Title:</i> New WAC Supersedes Old WAC: Clarification of Rules Enforcement After July 1, 2020	<i>Number:</i> P002
<i>References:</i> Chapter 246-945 WAC	
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This policy statement clarifies that chapter 246-945 WAC (“new rules”) became effective on July 1, 2020 and “old rules” no longer apply and are being repealed. The Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission (commission) will not be requiring licensees to comply with its “old rules” while they are being repealed. The only exception to this policy statement relates to continuing education (CE) requirements, which the commission has addressed separately in resources available on the commission’s website.

For the purposes of this policy statement:

“Old rules” refers to those rules contained within the following chapters of WAC (*This definition does not include CE chapter 246-861 WAC*):

- 246-856 WAC
- 246-858 WAC
- 246-860 WAC
- 246-863 WAC
- 246-865 WAC
- 246-867 WAC
- 246-869 WAC
- 246-870 WAC
- 246-871 WAC
- 246-873 WAC
- 246-873A WAC
- 246-874 WAC
- 246-875 WAC
- 246-877 WAC
- 246-878 WAC
- 246-879 WAC
- 246-881 WAC
- 246-883 WAC
- 246-885 WAC
- 246-886 WAC
- 246-887 WAC
- 246-888 WAC
- 246-889 WAC
- 246-891 WAC
- 246-895 WAC
- 246-897 WAC
- 246-899 WAC
- 246-901 WAC¹
- 246-903 WAC
- 246-904 WAC
- 246-905 WAC

¹ *This definition does not include those continuing education (CE) rules contained within WAC 246-901-061.*

“New rules” refers to those rules codified in chapter 246-945 WAC, except for CE rules contained within WAC 246-945-178 and WAC 246-945-220 which have a delayed effective date.

The commission recently completed a 2.5-year process to consolidate their 33 separate chapters of WAC into one new chapter, chapter 246-945 WAC. The new rules are effective, July 1, 2020, except for rules related to CE requirements. There are additional resources available on the commission’s website that further clarify the effective dates for the CE requirements. The “new rules” supersede the “old rules” and therefore the commission will only enforce the “new rules.” The commission has begun a separate rulemaking package to repeal the “old rules.”

This statement is supplemented by the [PQAC New Rules Live Implementation Plan](#), which includes efforts by the commission to provide education and technical assistance for licensees.



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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF A POLICY STATEMENT

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Issuing Entity: Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission

Subject Matter: The Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission (commission) will only enforce rules adopted under chapter 246-945 WAC, except for continuing education rules contained within WAC 246-945-178 and WAC 246-945-220, which have a delayed effective date. The commission has begun a separate rulemaking to repeal rules under Title 246 that have been replaced with chapter 246-945 WAC.

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