



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

**CR-101 (October 2017)**  
**(Implements RCW 34.05.310)**

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**Agency:** Department of Health- Dental Quality Assurance Commission

**Subject of possible rule making:** WAC 246-817-440 Dentist continuing education. The Dental Quality Assurance Commission (commission) is considering rule amendments for the number of hours allowed under self-study methods.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 18.32.002, 18.32.0357, 18.32.0365, and 18.32.180

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** A rules petition was received on November 20, 2020 requesting amendments to WAC 246-817-440 to allow full credit for self-study online continuing education courses. The commission agreed there might be available online courses appropriate for full credit and rule amendments should be considered.

Current rule allows dentists to earn thirty minutes for every one hour of self-study continuing education completed, including online courses, towards the total of continuing education hours. Current rule defines this as:

(4)(b) Self-study by various means, relevant to dentistry, without an instructor physically present.

(4)(b)(i) Self-study can be continuing education provided online or through the mail provided by a continuing education provider. Thirty minutes will count for every one hour completed for this activity.

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:** None

**Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):**

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe) Collaborative rule-making


**Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:**

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