



PROPOSED RULE MAKING

CR-102 (June 2024)
(Implements RCW 34.05.320)
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WSR 25-11-083

Agency: Department of Health – Dental Quality Assurance Commission

- Original Notice
- Supplemental Notice to WSR
- Continuance of WSR 25-05-022

- Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 24-16-138 ; 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: Dental assistant registration - Adding minimum age requirements. The Dental Quality Assurance Commission (commission) is proposing amending WAC 246-817-190 to include a minimum age requirement for dental assistant registration.

Hearing location(s):

Date:	Time:	Location: (be specific)	Comment:
July 25, 2025	10:00 AM	In-Person: Washington State Department of Health TC2 Room 167 111 Israel Rd. S.E. Tumwater, WA 98501 Webinar Registration: Please follow this link to register for the virtual hearing which will give you instructions to either join the meeting on a device, or to call in to the meeting on the phone: Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_ZMEuR17aSIGI1_QH3eeyNA After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.	The public hearing will be hybrid. Participants can attend at either the physical location or virtually by registering via Zoom.

Date of intended adoption: July 25, 2025 (Note: This is **NOT** the effective date)

Submit written comments to:

Name: Debbie Gardner, Program Manager
Address: P.O. Box 47852, Olympia, WA 98504-7852
Email: N/A
Fax: N/A
Other: <https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/policyreview>

Assistance for persons with disabilities:

Contact: Debbie Gardner, Program Manager
Phone: 360-236-4893
Fax: N/A
TTY: 711
Email: dental@doh.wa.gov

Beginning (date and time): The date and time of this filing

Other

By (date and time): July 15, 2025 at 11:59 p.m.

By (date): July 15, 2025

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules: The commission is proposing amending WAC 246-817-190 to include a minimum age requirement for dental assistant registration by citing WAC 246-125-030. At the July 25, 2025 hearing, the commission will continue the public hearing that was originated on April 25, 2025. The commission will continue taking public comment and intends to discuss the proposed rule and comments received as part of the public hearing process.

Reasons supporting proposal:

Statutory authority for adoption:

Statute being implemented:

Is rule necessary because of a:

Federal Law?

Yes No

Federal Court Decision?

Yes No

State Court Decision?

Yes No

If yes, CITATION:

Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:

Name of proponent: (person or organization)

Type of proponent: Private. Public. Governmental.

Name of agency personnel responsible for:

Name

Office Location

Phone

Drafting

Implementation

Enforcement

Is a school district fiscal impact statement required under [RCW 28A.305.135](#)?

Yes 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](#)?

Yes: A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:

Name

Address

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Email

Other

No: Please explain:

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:

(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
Address
Phone
Fax
TTY
Email
Other

Date: May 20, 2025

Name: Bryan Swanson, DDS

Title: Dental Quality Assurance Commission, Chair

Signature:

