



RULE-MAKING ORDER PERMANENT RULE ONLY

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Agency: Department of Health – Washington Medical Commission

Effective date of rule:

Permanent Rules

- 31 days after filing.
 Other (specify) _____ (If less than 31 days after filing, a specific finding under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required and should be stated below)

Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?

- Yes No If Yes, explain:

Purpose: Post medical training for physicians. The Washington Medical Commission (commission) has adopted amendments to WAC 246-919-330 to eliminate the outdated requirement for consecutive years of training in no more than two programs. This change will remove a barrier for qualified applicants to obtain licensure.

When effective, this permanent rule will supersede the emergency rule filed on March 8, 2024 as WSR 24-07-019.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New: None
Repealed: None
Amended: WAC 246-919-330
Suspended: None

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 18.71.017 and 18.130.050

Other authority: None

PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 24-07-107 on March 20, 2024.
Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: None

If a preliminary cost-benefit analysis was prepared under RCW 34.05.328, a final cost-benefit analysis is available by contacting:

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**Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note.
A section may be counted in more than one category.**

The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:

Federal statute:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
Federal rules or standards:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>

The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:

New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
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The number of sections adopted on the agency's own initiative:

New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>1</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
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The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:

New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
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The number of sections adopted using:

Negotiated rule making:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
Pilot rule making:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
Other alternative rule making:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>1</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>

Date Adopted: April 26, 2024

Name: Kyle Karinen

Title: Executive Director

Signature:

Signature on file

WAC 246-919-330 Postgraduate medical training. (1) Postgraduate medical training means clinical training approved by the commission in general medicine or surgery, or a specialty or subspecialty in the field of medicine or surgery as recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties listed in the 2017-2018 ABMS Board Certification Report and new specialties or subspecialties approved by the commission.

(2) The commission approves only the following postgraduate clinical training courses:

(a) Programs accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) at the time of residency.

(b) Programs accredited by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) or the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC), or programs accredited by the RCPSC or CFPC at the time of residency.

(3) Postgraduate medical training includes, but is not limited to, internships, residencies and medical or surgical fellowships.

(4) A physician must complete two (~~consecutive~~) years of postgraduate medical training (~~in no more than two programs~~). The physician must acquire this training after completion of a formal course of undergraduate medical instruction outlined in RCW 18.71.055. The commission will accept only satisfactory clinical performance evaluations.