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Certified Anesthesiologist Assistant

Fee Narrative



Assumptions

The department assumes that the implementation of SB 5184 and the establishment of the profession will cost:

- \$169,000 in FY 2025
- \$54,000 in FY 2026
- \$21,000+ in subsequent years



Current assumptions are based on an effective date of January 1, 2026.

All projections are approximate and subject to change.

The Department of Health (department) works to protect and improve the health of all people in Washington State. We accomplish this work, in part, through regulation of health care providers and facilities.

Senate Bill (SB) 5184 establishes the certified anesthesiologist assistant profession under RCW 18.71D, licensing professionals to provide anesthetic care under the direction and supervision of an anesthesiologist as part of an anesthesia care team

This bill places this new credential under the Uniform Disciplinary Act (chapter 18.130 RCW) and requires the department to adopt rules establishing licensing requirements, supervisory requirements, continuing education, and certification and renewal fees to regulate this new profession.

To implement SB 5184, the department is establishing a fee that would fund the licensing and regulation of the profession in the state of Washington.

Funding the Profession

[RCW 43.70.250](#) requires that the cost of each profession, occupation, or business be borne by the members of that profession, occupation, or business through fees.

Fees charged at initial application and renewal generate revenue for this profession. To set fees appropriately, the department considers the financial forecast of the profession and sets a fee amount designed to align revenue with the cost of licensing and regulating the profession.

This profession will run on a biennial fee cycle. Based on community input and program expertise, the department assumes the profession will receive 40 applications in FY2026, and an additional 20 applications each ongoing year. The profession will follow a 2 year renewal cycle, and is anticipated to maintaining an 86% renewal rate based on similar professions.

The department estimates costs to total \$169,000 in FY2025, \$54,000 in FY2026 and \$21,000+ in subsequent years. During the implementation stage (FY2025-FY2026), costs are heightened to reflect the additional staffing hours involved in initial rulemaking and IT configuration. Table A details the projected costs:

Table A: Projected Spending by Cost Category			
Cost Category	2025	2026	2027+
Rulemaking	\$78,000	\$33,000	\$0
Technology	\$84,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Licensing	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000
Discipline	\$0	\$4,000	\$4,000
Total	\$169,000	\$54,000	\$21,000

Fee Proposal

Based on the profession’s cost analysis and revenue outlook, the department has decided to set fees in line with the current physician assistant fees. Table B details proposed fees. The department will annually monitor the financial health of the profession and propose fee adjustments as needed.

Table B: Proposed Licensure Fees				
License	Fee Type	Base Fee	Other Fees	Total Fee
Certified Anesthesiologist Assistant	Application	\$50	\$86	\$136
	Two-year renewal	\$247	\$172	\$419
	Late renewal penalty	\$124	-	\$124
	Two-year renewal retired active	\$35	\$139	\$174
	Retired active late renewal penalty	\$35	-	\$35
	Verification Fee	\$67	-	\$67
	Duplicate Fee	\$15	-	\$15

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