



# PROPOSED RULE MAKING

## CR-102 (June 2012)

(Implements RCW 34.05.320)

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Agency: Department of Health

- Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR ; 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).

- Original Notice
- Supplemental Notice to WSR
- Continuance of WSR

**Title of rule and other identifying information:** (Describe Subject)

WAC 246-828-990 Hearing aid specialist, audiologist, speech-language pathologist, and speech-language pathology assistant fees and renewal cycle. Proposing to reduce application fees, active license renewal fees, and active license late renewal penalties for these professions.

**Hearing location(s):** Department of Health  
111 Israel Road SE, Room 158  
Tumwater, WA 98501

Date: 2/8/2016

Time: 1:00 PM

**Submit written comments to:**

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**Assistance for persons with disabilities:** Contact

Sherry Thomas by 01/25/2016

TTY (800) 833-6388 or () 711

**Date of intended adoption:** 02/15/2016

(Note: This is NOT the effective date)

**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:**

Current licensing fees generate more revenue than is needed to cover the full cost of administering these licensing programs. In response, the department is proposing to reduce some fees. In addition, the department is proposing clarifications and formatting changes to make it easier for licensees to identify the fees they will be required to pay.

**Reasons supporting proposal:**

RCW 43.70.250 requires the cost of each licensing program to be fully borne by the profession's members and licensing fees to be based on licensure costs. Reducing fees to the proposed levels will more closely align revenue with the program's expenses and enable reserves to be maintained should unanticipated events occur, such as increased disciplinary costs.

**Statutory authority for adoption:**

RCW 43.70.250

**Statute being implemented:**

RCW 43.70.250

**Is rule necessary because of a:**

- Federal Law?  Yes  No
  - Federal Court Decision?  Yes  No
  - State Court Decision?  Yes  No
- If yes, CITATION:

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**DATE: December 21, 2015**

**TIME: 11:26 AM**

**WSR 16-01-146**

**DATE** 12/17/2015

**NAME** (type or print)

John Wiesman, DrPH, MPH

**SIGNATURE**

DrPH, MPH

**TITLE**

Secretary of Health

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

None

**Name of proponent:** (person or organization) Department of Health

- Private
- Public
- Governmental

**Name of agency personnel responsible for:**

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**Has a small business economic impact statement been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW or has a school district fiscal impact statement been prepared under section 1, chapter 210, Laws of 2012?**

Yes. Attach copy of small business economic impact statement.

A copy of the statement may be obtained by contacting:

Name:

Address:

phone

fax

e-mail

No. Explain why no statement was prepared.

A small business economic impact statement (SBEIS) was not prepared. Under RCW 19.85.025 and 34.05.310(4)(f), a SBEIS is not required for proposed rules that set or adjust fees or rates pursuant to legislative standards.

**Is a cost-benefit analysis required under RCW 34.05.328?**

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

Name:

Address:

phone

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No: Please explain: The agency did not complete a cost benefit analysis under RCW 34.05.328. RCW 34.05.328(5)(b)(vi) exempts rules that set or adjust fees or rates pursuant to legislative standards.

**WAC 246-828-990 Hearing aid specialist, audiologist, speech-language pathologist, and speech-language pathology assistant fees and renewal cycle.** (1) Credentials must be renewed every year on the practitioner's birthday as provided in chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 2.

(2) Practitioners must pay the following nonrefundable fees:

<b>Audiologist or Speech-Language Pathologist</b>	
<b>Fee Type:</b>	<b>Fee</b>
<b>Interim permit</b>	
Application	\$165.00
Permit	140.00
<b>Initial license</b>	
Application	((165.00))
	<u>110.00</u>
License	((140.00))
	<u>95.00</u>
HEAL-WA* surcharge	16.00
((Renewal	110.00
HEAL-WA* surcharge	16.00
Inactive license	60.00
Late renewal penalty	90.00
Expired license reissuance	140.00
Expired inactive license reissuance	90.00
Certification of license	30.00
Duplicate license	30.00))
<b>Active license renewal</b>	
Renewal	<u>75.00</u>
Late renewal penalty	<u>50.00</u>
HEAL-WA* surcharge	16.00
Expired license reissuance	<u>140.00</u>
<b>Inactive license</b>	
Renewal	60.00
Expired license reissuance	90.00
<b>Verification of license</b>	<u>30.00</u>
<b>Duplicate license</b>	30.00

\* Surcharge applies to speech-language pathologists only. HEAL-WA is the health resources for Washington online library. See RCW 43.70.110.

<b>Hearing Aid Specialist</b>	
<b>Fee Type:</b>	<b>Fee</b>
((License application	\$165.00
Initial license	140.00
Renewal	110.00
Inactive license	56.00
Late renewal penalty	90.00
Expired license reissuance	136.00
Expired inactive license reissuance	86.00

**Hearing Aid Specialist**

<b>Fee Type:</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Certification of license	30.00
Duplicate license	30.00))
<b><u>Initial license</u></b>	
<u>Application</u>	\$110.00
<u>License</u>	95.00
<b><u>Active license renewal</u></b>	
<u>Renewal</u>	75.00
<u>Late renewal penalty</u>	50.00
<u>Expired license reissuance</u>	136.00
<b><u>Inactive license renewal</u></b>	
<u>Renewal</u>	56.00
<u>Expired license reissuance</u>	86.00
<b><u>Verification of license</u></b>	30.00
<b><u>Duplicate license</u></b>	30.00

**Speech-Language Pathology Assistant**

<b>Fee Type:</b>	<b>Fee</b>
((Application	\$125.00
Renewal	70.00
Inactive credential	50.00
Late renewal penalty	50.00
Expired credential reissuance	50.00
Expired inactive credential reissuance	50.00
Certification of credential	15.00
Duplicate credential	15.00))
<b><u>Initial credential</u></b>	
<u>Application</u>	\$85.00
<b><u>Active credential renewal</u></b>	
<u>Renewal</u>	45.00
<u>Late renewal penalty</u>	45.00
<u>Expired credential reissuance</u>	50.00
<b><u>Inactive credential renewal</u></b>	
<u>Renewal</u>	50.00
<u>Expired credential reissuance</u>	50.00
<b><u>Verification of credential</u></b>	15.00
<b><u>Duplicate credential</u></b>	15.00