



RULE-MAKING ORDER PERMANENT RULE ONLY

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

Yes No If Yes, explain:

Purpose: Chapter 246-850 WAC Orthotics and Prosthetic Rules. The Department of Health (department) is adopting amendments to clarify language on examination requirements for licensure. The department identified several needed clarifications regarding the date of when applicants complete their education and take the national certification examination.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New: None

Repealed: None

Amended: WAC 246-850-030 and 246-850-060

Suspended: None

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 18.200.050

Other authority:

PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 22-12-053 on 05/26/2022 (date).

Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: None

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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	Repealed	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	Repealed	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	Repealed	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	Repealed	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 in the agency's own initiative:

New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</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	Repealed	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>2</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	Repealed	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	Repealed	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	Repealed	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>2</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>

Date Adopted: 8/17/2022

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Signature:



AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-02-002, filed 12/23/20, effective 1/23/21)

WAC 246-850-030 Application requirements. An applicant for licensure shall submit to the department the following:

(1) A completed application and fee as required in chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 2;

(2) ~~((a))~~ Official transcripts, certificate, or other documentation forwarded directly from the issuing agency where the applicant has earned a bachelor degree or completed a certificate program from a program accredited by NCOPE or CAAHEP, or any other accrediting body with substantially equivalent requirements;

~~((b) Documentation of successful completion of the clinical patient management course, if the applicant completes education requirements for licensure on or after January 1, 2020;))~~

(3) Documentation of completion of an approved internship or residency as described in WAC 246-850-050;

(4) Documentation of successful completion of licensing examinations as ~~((approved by the secretary))~~ described in WAC 246-850-060;

(5) Verification from all states in which the applicant holds or has held a license, whether active or inactive, indicating that the applicant is or has not been subject to charges or disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct or impairment; and

(6) Additional documentation as required by the secretary to determine whether an applicant is eligible for licensure.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 19-09-065, filed 4/16/19, effective 5/17/19)

WAC 246-850-060 Examination requirements. (1) An applicant for licensure as an orthotist shall successfully complete the following examinations:

(a) The Washington state jurisprudence examination; and

(b) As prepared and administered by the American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics:

~~((i) The orthotic written multiple choice examination ((prepared and administered by the American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics));~~

~~((b))~~ (ii) The orthotic written simulation examination ((prepared and administered by the American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics)); and

(c) ((The Washington state jurisprudence examination.)) If the applicant completes the education requirements for licensure on or after January 1, 2020, the orthotic clinical patient management exam.

(2) An applicant for licensure as a prosthetist shall successfully complete the following examinations:

(a) The Washington state jurisprudence examination; and

(b) As prepared and administered by the American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics:

~~((i) The prosthetic written multiple choice examination ((prepared and administered by the American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics));~~

~~((b))~~ (ii) The prosthetic written simulation examination (~~pre-~~
~~pared and administered by the American Board for Certification in Or-~~
~~thotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics~~); and

~~((c) The Washington state jurisprudence examination.)~~ (iii) If
the applicant completes the education requirements for licensure on or
after January 1, 2020, the prosthetic clinical patient management ex-
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(3) An applicant who has successfully completed examinations ad-
ministered by the American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Pros-
thetics and Pedorthics prior to July 1, 1991, may be considered by the
secretary in order to determine if the applicant meets alternative
standards that are substantially equivalent.