

End of COVID-19 Emergency Orders and State of Emergency



GOV. INSLEE ANNOUNCES END OF EMERGENCY ORDERS AND STATE OF EMERGENCY

On Sept. 8, Gov. Jay Inslee announced the upcoming rescission of all remaining COVID-19 emergency proclamations and state of emergency by **Oct. 31**. Nearly three-quarters of the governor's 85 COVID-19 emergency orders have already been lifted, and an additional 13 health care related orders will end Oct. 27. The remaining 10 orders are to be lifted on Oct. 31, including the underlying state of emergency. [See the announcement here.](#)

HOW DOES THIS AFFECT YOU?

Requirements for initial application and renewal of nurse licensure will continue in accordance with pre-pandemic requirements **unless** they are currently covered by the nursing commission's emergency rules or have been updated by permanent rule work. **For a full list of rule changes, please see the below.**

Orders that were in place under the governor's state of emergency will no longer be in effect on Oct. 31:

Gov. State of Emergency Order	What does this mean?
Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act (70.15)	<p>If you are currently licensed in another state and practicing in Washington state under the Washington State Registry of Emergency Volunteers (WAServ), when the state of emergency ends on Oct. 31:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have a Washington state license to continue working as a nurse in Washington state. If you do not have an active Washington state nursing license, or active temporary practice permit, listed on the Provider Credential Search, you will not be able to practice in Washington state.
Nursing Technician (NTEC) Extension Date	<p>During the state of emergency, the Nursing Commission was able to grant an additional 30-day extension of the NTEC credential after the initial 30-day post-graduation expiration date (totaling 60 days post-graduation). When the state of emergency ends on Oct. 31:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Nursing Commission will no longer be able to grant an additional 30-day extension and the NTEC credential will expire 30 days after an individual graduates from a nursing program. Any NTEC credentials that have already received the 30-day extension will remain in effect until the new graduate sits for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) or the NTEC expires, whichever comes first.
Emergency Interim Permits	<p>During the state of emergency, the Nursing Commission was able to issue emergency interim permits (EIP) to qualified new graduates. Licensed practical nurses, (LPNs), registered nurses (RNs), and advanced registered nurse practitioners (ARNPs) were able to use an EIP to practice as a nurse in Washington state prior to passing the NCLEX or national examination. When the state of emergency ends on Oct. 31:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Nursing Commission will no longer be issuing EIPs to new graduates. The EIPs issued prior to Oct. 31, will remain active until the graduate sits for the national examination or the EIP expires, whichever comes first.

Emergency Rules

Emergency Rules	Code Reviser (CR) Documents	Washington Administrative Code (WAC)	Last filing date
Basic Caregiver Training Requirement	CR-103 Emergency Rule	WAC 246-840-930 WAC 246-841-405	9/9/2022
Nursing Emergency Rules	CR-103 Emergency Rule	WAC 246-840-365 WAC 246-840-367	9/9/2022
Nursing Assistant Emergency Rules	CR-103 Emergency Rule	WAC 246-841-420, 470, 490, 500, 510, 555	9/9/2022

Recently Completed Permanent Rules

Rules	Washington State Registry (WSR)	Washington Administrative Code (WAC)	Effective Date
Nursing Technician Definition	22-12-092	WAC 246-840-010 (Supersedes LNP/NT Practice Opportunities)	9/23/2022
Nursing Fees	22-15-074	WAC 246-840-990	12/1/2023
Emergency to Permanent Rules	22-12-026	WAC 246-840-533 WAC 246-840-930 (See Emergency Rules)	9/9/2022
LPN/NT Practice Opportunities	22-04-082	WAC 246-840-010, 840, 850	5/13/2022
Continuing Competency	21-11-032	WAC 246-840-111, 120, 125, and 200 through 260	6/12/2021
Aids Education & Training	21-04-016	WAC 246-840-025, 030, 045, 090, 539, 541, 860, 905 WAC 246-841-490, 578, 585 and 610	2/22/2021

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