



RULE-MAKING ORDER PERMANENT RULE ONLY

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Effective date of rule:

Permanent Rules

- 31 days after filing.
 Other (specify) October 1, 2025 (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: Osteopathic physician exam requirements in WAC 246-853-020. The Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery (board) has adopted amendments to update the examination requirements for licensure of osteopathic physicians.

The adopted changes will allow applicants to select one out of the four nationally approved examination series instead of selecting a combination of two or more examinations to qualify for licensure. Additionally, the board removed the Osteopathic Principles and Practices (OP&P) exam as one of the examination options as this is an underutilized pathway to licensure.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New: None
Repealed: None
Amended: WAC 246-853-020
Suspended: None

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 18.57.005, 18.130.050 18.340.020, and 2SHB 1724 (chapter 425, Laws of 2023) codified as RCW 18.130.077

Other authority:

PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 24-16-116 on 8/5/2024 (date).
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.
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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	Repealed	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	Repealed	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>1</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	Repealed	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	Repealed	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	Repealed	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>1</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: September 13, 2024

Name: Lisa Galbraith, DO

Title: Chair, Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery

Signature:



AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 15-16-085, filed 7/31/15, effective 8/31/15)

WAC 246-853-020 Osteopathic medicine and surgery examination.

~~((1))~~ An applicant for licensure as an osteopathic physician must successfully pass:

~~((a))~~ (1) Parts I, II, and III of the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination (COMLEX-USA) or Parts I, II, and III of the exam administered by the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME); or

~~((b) The Washington Osteopathic Principles and Practices (OP&P) Examination with a minimum score of seventy-five percent in each section;~~)

(2) The Comprehensive Osteopathic Variable-Purpose Examination (COMVEX) administered by NBOME with a minimum passing score as established by NBOME; or ~~((other state administered OP&P exam approved by the board.~~

~~(2) In addition to the exams identified in subsection (1)(b) of this section, the applicant must also pass at least one of the following:~~

~~(a))~~ (3) The Federation of State Licensing Board (FLEX) I and FLEX II Examination with a minimum score of 75 on each component. If taken prior to June 1985, passed with a FLEX weighted average of a minimum ~~((seventy-five))~~ 75 percent; or

~~((b) The FLEX I and FLEX II Examination with a minimum score of seventy-five on each component; or~~

~~(c))~~ (4) The United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Steps I, II, and III after December 1993, with a minimum score as established by the Federation of State Medical Boards and the National Board of Medical Examiners.