



# RULE-MAKING ORDER

## PERMANENT RULE ONLY

**CR-103P (December 2017)**  
**(Implements RCW 34.05.360)**

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DATE: April 15, 2025

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WSR 25-09-068

**Agency:** Department of Health —Board of Naturopathy

**Effective date of rule:**

**Permanent Rules**

31 days after filing.  
 Other (specify) September 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:** Naturopathic Licensure Requirements for Licensure and Jurisprudence Examinations. The Board of Naturopathy (board) has adopted amendments to WAC 246-836-020, Requirements for licensure, and WAC 246-836-040, Jurisprudence examinations to clarify, update, and simplify rules to align with RCW 18.130.077.

The adopted amendments remove the jurisprudence as a requirement for initial licensure for naturopathic physicians and instead make it a requirement for completion within the first full continuing education cycle after initial licensure. The board also updated the passing score of the jurisprudence examination from 75 to 100%.

To account for changes to the credentialing system the board is delaying the effective date to September 1, 2025

**Citation of rules affected by this order:**

New: None  
Repealed: None  
Amended: WAC 246-836-020 & 246-836-040  
Suspended: None

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 18.36A.160 and 18.130.077

**Other authority:** None

**PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)**

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 25-02-094 on 12/30/2024 (date).

Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version:

There was one editing change made. The board voted to change "naturopath" to "naturopathic physician" in WAC 246-836-040.

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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**Note: If any category is left blank, it will be calculated as zero.  
No descriptive text.**

**Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note.  
A section may be counted in more than one category.**

**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>2</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>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:** February 7, 2025

**Name:** Krystal Richardson, ND

**Title:** Chair, Board of Naturopathy

**Signature:**



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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 15-10-028, filed 4/27/15, effective 5/28/15)

**WAC 246-836-020 Requirements for licensure.** Individuals seeking a license to practice as a naturopathic physician ((must)) shall provide the following:

- (1) A completed application, with all required fees;
- (2) Official transcripts sent directly from a college of naturopathic medicine approved by the board, demonstrating that the applicant has graduated as a naturopathic physician;
- (3) Verification of successful passage of the national examination approved by the board under WAC 246-836-030 sent directly from the examination entity;
- (4) ~~((Successful passage of the jurisprudence examination provided by the board;~~
- (5)) A federal background check application, if required, including fingerprint cards and fee per RCW 18.130.064 (2)(b); and
- ((6)) (5) Any other documentation, materials, or information as determined by the board or its designee.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 15-10-028, filed 4/27/15, effective 5/28/15)

**WAC 246-836-040 Jurisprudence examinations.** (1) ~~((Individuals taking the jurisprudence examination provided by the board must pay the appropriate fee when submitting it for scoring.~~

~~(2) The minimum passing score for the jurisprudence examination is seventy-five.~~

~~(3) Individuals who fail the jurisprudence examination may retake the examination provided they submit an additional fee.~~

~~(4) An individual's jurisprudence examination score is released only to the individual unless a written request is submitted that authorizes release to a specific third party.)) A licensed naturopathic physician shall take and pass the board approved jurisprudence examination within the first full continuing education reporting period after initial licensure.~~

(2) The jurisprudence exam will be available as a category 3 continuing education credit as outlined in WAC 246-836-080.

(3) The passing score for the jurisprudence examination is 100 percent.