



# 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Repealed: None  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.