



# PROPOSED RULE MAKING

**CR-102 (June 2024)**  
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**WSR 25-12-045**

**Agency:** Department of Health- Board of Denturists

Original Notice  
 Supplemental Notice to WSR  
 Continuance of WSR  
 Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 24-10-064 ; or  
 Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR \_\_\_\_\_; or  
 Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4) or 34.05.330(1); or  
 Proposal is exempt under RCW \_\_\_\_\_.

**Title of rule and other identifying information:** Denturist rules regarding updating renewal licensure requirements of the Jurisprudence (JP) examination. The Board of Denturists (board) is proposing revisions to WAC 246-812-159 to ensure licensees are made aware of the profession's regulations and standards through the successful completion of the annual JP examination.

**Hearing location(s):**

Date:	Time:	Location: (be specific)	Comment:
August 21, 2025	12:00 PM	<b>Physical Location:</b> L&I Headquarters Room S119 7273 Linderson Way S.W. Tumwater, WA 98501  <b>Participants can also attend by webinar.</b>  <a href="https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZDk4NTg3Y2UtOWNmYS00YWEzLTk3YTktMzY2OWE2MTY2MGQ3%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2211d0e217-264e-400a-8ba0-57dcc127d72d%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2208f4993d-b1c0-4ac1-8427-a92e4abb4cf%22%7d">https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZDk4NTg3Y2UtOWNmYS00YWEzLTk3YTktMzY2OWE2MTY2MGQ3%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2211d0e217-264e-400a-8ba0-57dcc127d72d%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2208f4993d-b1c0-4ac1-8427-a92e4abb4cf%22%7d</a>	The Board of Denturists will hold a hybrid hearing with both the option to attend in person or virtually.

**Date of intended adoption:** August 21, 2025 (Note: This is NOT the effective date)

Submit written comments to:	Assistance for persons with disabilities:
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Beginning (date and time) The date and time of this filing

By (date and time) August 11, 2025 at 11:59 PM

Other None

By (date) August 11, 2025

**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:**

The board is proposing revisions in WAC 246-812-159 to require the annual JP examination. The JP exam was required for initial licensure and optional for continuing education credit for licensed denturists. The anticipated effects of changing the JP to an annual requirement includes a decrease in discipline, complaints, and the risk to public health and safety of patients while also enhancing the awareness of law and rule changes among licensed denturists.

**Reasons supporting proposal:**

The board reviewed rules in response to Section 8 of Second Substitute House Bill (2SBH) 1724 (chapter 425, Laws of 2023) which directed all disciplining authorities for licensed professionals to waive education, training, experience, and exam requirements for applicants who have been credentialed in another state or states with substantially equivalent standards for at least two years immediately preceding their application with no interruption in licensure for longer than 90 days. The board found all existing requirements to be necessary and will not waive any requirements. Additionally, the board determined no other state JP examinations are equivalent to Washington State. The annual requirement will safeguard the public ensuring providers are practicing within their scope of practice. Continuing to enforce the JP examinations will ensure that the denturist profession has clear direction when it comes to scope of practice and will assist denturists with the understanding of their limitations in scope of practice. This will result in a decrease in complaints received by the department from other professions that are worried about denturists breaching their scope of practice, along with a decrease in investigations.

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 18.30.065, 18.30.130, and 18.130.077

**Statute being implemented:** Second Substitute House Bill (2SBH) 1724 (chapter 425, Laws of 2023) in RCW 18.130.077

**Is rule necessary because of a:**

Federal Law?

Yes  No

Federal Court Decision?

Yes  No

State Court Decision?

Yes  No

If yes, CITATION:

**Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:** None

**Name of proponent:** (person or organization) Board of Denturists

**Type of proponent:**  Private.  Public.  Governmental.

**Name of agency personnel responsible for:**

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**Is a school district fiscal impact statement required under RCW 28A.305.135?**

Yes  No

If yes, insert statement here:

The public may obtain a copy of the school district fiscal impact statement by contacting:

Name  
Address  
Phone  
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Other

**Is a cost-benefit analysis required under RCW 34.05.328?**

Yes: A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:

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Other

No: Please explain:

### Regulatory Fairness Act and Small Business Economic Impact Statement

Note: The [Governor's Office for Regulatory Innovation and Assistance \(ORIA\)](#) provides support in completing this part.

#### (1) Identification of exemptions:

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, **may be exempt** from requirements of the Regulatory Fairness Act (see [chapter 19.85 RCW](#)). For additional information on exemptions, consult the [exemption guide published by ORIA](#). Please check the box for any applicable exemption(s):

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under [RCW 19.85.061](#) because this rule making is being adopted solely to conform and/or comply with federal statute or regulations. Please cite the specific federal statute or regulation this rule is being adopted to conform or comply with, and describe the consequences to the state if the rule is not adopted.

Citation and description:

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt because the agency has completed the pilot rule process defined by [RCW 34.05.313](#) before filing the notice of this proposed rule.

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under the provisions of [RCW 15.65.570](#)(2) because it was adopted by a referendum.

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under [RCW 19.85.025](#)(3). Check all that apply:

<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">RCW 34.05.310</a> (4)(b) (Internal government operations)	<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">RCW 34.05.310</a> (4)(e) (Dictated by statute)
<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">RCW 34.05.310</a> (4)(c) (Incorporation by reference)	<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">RCW 34.05.310</a> (4)(f) (Set or adjust fees)
<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">RCW 34.05.310</a> (4)(d) (Correct or clarify language)	<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">RCW 34.05.310</a> (4)(g) (i) Relating to agency hearings; or (ii) process requirements for applying to an agency for a license or permit)

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under [RCW 19.85.025](#)(4). (Does not affect small businesses).

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under RCW \_\_\_\_\_.

Explanation of how the above exemption(s) applies to the proposed rule: The entire proposed rule is exempt under RCW 19.85.025(4) as it only affects the dentist license which does not meet the definition of "small business" in RCW 19.85.020.

#### (2) Scope of exemptions: Check one.

The rule proposal: Is fully exempt. (Skip section 3.) Exemptions identified above apply to all portions of the rule proposal.

The rule proposal: Is partially exempt. (Complete section 3.) The exemptions identified above apply to portions of the rule proposal, but less than the entire rule proposal. Provide details here (consider using [this template from ORIA](#)):

The rule proposal: Is not exempt. (Complete section 3.) No exemptions were identified above.

#### (3) Small business economic impact statement: Complete this section if any portion is not exempt.

If any portion of the proposed rule is **not exempt**, does it impose more-than-minor costs (as defined by RCW 19.85.020(2)) on businesses?

No Briefly summarize the agency's minor cost analysis and how the agency determined the proposed rule did not impose more-than-minor costs.

Yes Calculations show the rule proposal likely imposes more-than-minor cost to businesses and a small business economic impact statement is required. Insert the required small business economic impact statement here:

The public may obtain a copy of the small business economic impact statement or the detailed cost calculations by contacting:

Name  
Address  
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Other

**Signature:**

**Date:** May 22, 2025

**Name:** Trina Crawford

**Title:** Executive Director, Board of Denturists



**WAC 246-812-159 Continuing competency requirements.** The goal of continuing competency is to encourage the lifetime professional development of the licensed denturist, and to enhance the clinical and overall skills needed to protect the health and safety of all patients.

(1) A licensed denturist shall:

(a) Complete and attest to the completion of a minimum of ((fifteen)) 15 clock hours of continuing competency every year as a part of their annual license renewal requirement; and

(b) Complete the Washington state jurisprudence examination annually. Two hours of continuing competency will be granted toward the requirement every three years.

(c) Comply with the requirements of ((chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 7)) WAC 246-12-170 through 246-12-240.

(2) The board:

(a) May randomly audit up to ((twenty-five)) 25 percent of licensed denturists annually for compliance.

(b) Does not authorize or approve specific continuing competency courses.

(3) Continuing competency must contribute to the professional knowledge and development of the licensed denturist or enhance services provided to patients.

(4) A denturist shall complete continuing competency in one or more of the following categories:

(a) Education courses relating to the practice of denturism;

(b) Emergency management or advanced cardiac life support (ACLS);

(c) Health care provider basic life support (BLS);

(d) Infection control and federal and state safety standards;

(e) Ethics;

(f) Patient care education including risk management, methods of health delivery, multicultural, and suicide prevention education;

(g) Patient communication;

(h) Implantology (restoring implants);

(i) Partial denture construction and design;

(j) ((Washington state denturist jurisprudence exam, for a maximum of two hours every three years;

((k))) Practice management and billing practices, for a maximum of five hours yearly.

(5) A denturist shall use the following activities to complete continuing competency hours:

(a) Attendance at a local, state, national, or international continuing competency courses, live interactive webinar and denturist study clubs, for a maximum of eight hours yearly;

(b) Self-study by various means, relevant to denturism, without an instructor present:

(i) Self-study can be continuing education provided online or through the mail provided by a continuing competency provider, up to a maximum of five hours yearly;

(ii) Self-study can be reading a book that contributes to the professional knowledge and development of the licensed denturist, or enhance services provided to patients. A two-page synopsis of what was learned written by the licensed denturist is required to be granted

two hours of continuing competency for each book and synopsis, up to a maximum of four hours yearly.

(c) Teaching, presenting, or lecturing in a course, only if the presentation or lecture is created or authored by the denturist claiming the continuing competency hours, up to a maximum of five hours yearly;

(d) Direct clinical supervision of denturist students up to a maximum of five hours yearly;

(e) Denturist licensure examinations, examination standardization and calibration workshops, clinical examination administration, or serving on a denturist professional board or association up to a maximum of ((ten)) 10 hours yearly;

(f) Publishing a paper in a peer review journal up to a maximum of five hours yearly the year the paper is published; and

(g) Provision of clinical denturist patient care services in a documented volunteer capacity, up to a maximum of five hours yearly.

(6) The board may not accept any claim of credit for a continuing competency course that does not meet the requirements of subsection (4) or (5) of this section.

(7) Proof of continuing competency is a certificate of completion, letter, transcripts, or other documentation verifying or confirming attendance or completion of continuing competency hours. Documentation must be from the organization that provided the activity, except in subsection (5)(b)(ii) of this section, and must contain at least the following:

- (a) Date of attendance or completion;
- (b) Name of licensed denturist;
- (c) Hours earned; and
- (d) Course title or subject.

(8) Upon showing good cause by the denturist in writing, the board may waive the denturist from any, all, or part of the continuing competency requirements in this chapter or may grant additional time for the denturist to complete the requirements. Good cause includes, but is not limited to:

- (a) Illness;
- (b) Medical necessity or family emergency;
- (c) Hardship to practice; or
- (d) Other extenuating circumstances.