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☐ Other (specify) _____ **(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: Denturist rules regarding updating renewal licensure requirements of the Jurisprudence (JP) examination. The Board of Denturists (board) is adopting revisions in WAC 246-812-159 to require the JP examination annually. The JP exam was required for initial licensure and optional for continuing education credit for licensed denturists. The anticipated effects of changing the JP exam to an annual requirement include a decrease in disciplinary action, complaints, and the risk to public health and safety of patients while also enhancing the awareness of law and rule changes among licensed denturists.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New: None
Repealed: None
Amended: WAC 246-812-159
Suspended: None

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

Other authority: None

PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 25-12-045 on May 28,2025 (date).

Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: None

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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Federal statute:	New	0	Amended	0	Repealed	0
Federal rules or standards:	New	0	Amended	0	Repealed	0
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	0	Amended	1	Repealed	0

The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:

	New	0	Amended	0	Repealed	0

The number of sections adopted on the agency's own initiative:

	New	0	Amended	0	Repealed	0

The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:

	New	0	Amended	0	Repealed	0

The number of sections adopted using:

Negotiated rule making:	New	0	Amended	0	Repealed	0
Pilot rule making:	New	0	Amended	0	Repealed	0
Other alternative rule making:	New	0	Amended	1	Repealed	0

Date Adopted: November 6, 2025 **Name:** Joshua Brooks, L.D. **Title:** Chair, Board of Denturists	**Signature:** 

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 20-04-028, filed 1/28/20, effective 2/28/20)

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.