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Veterinarian - Rules in Progress

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The rules writing process is open to the public. The public is welcome to take part in helping us write rules. Rules are also known as regulations, Washington Administrative Code, or WAC. The rule-making process includes public notices and workshops, and usually a public hearing before a rule becomes final. To receive updates about rulemaking and other topics related to veterinarians, subscribe for updates at the bottom of the page.

Current Rules in Progress

Veterinary Substance Use Disorder Program Terminology – The Veterinarian Board of Governors is considering updating health professional monitoring program terminology as required by Substitute Senate Bill 5496 health professional monitoring programs.

- [CR 101 document \(PDF\)](#) – Establishes scope and describes why the board is undertaking rulemaking on this topic.

Veterinary Health Equity Continuing Education (CE) - The board is considering adopting the health equity continuing education (CE) model rules, WAC 246-12-800 through 246-12-830, to comply with [RCW 43.70.613](#).

- [CR 101 document \(PDF\)](#) – Establishes scope and describes why the board is undertaking rulemaking on this topic.

Call for comments: Please [provide comments by email](#) by Friday, April 14 on the current draft rule [language for veterinarians \(PDF\)](#) and [veterinary technicians \(PDF\)](#).

Veterinary Technician Registered Apprenticeships – The board is considering amending WAC 246-933-935-060 to clarify that a board-approved apprenticeship program is a pathway for veterinary technician licensure.

- [CR 101 document \(PDF\)](#) – Establishes scope and describes why the board is undertaking rule-making on this topic.

Call for comments: Please [provide comments by email](#) by Friday, April 21 on the [current draft rule language \(PDF\)](#).

Veterinary-Client-Patient Relationship/Telemedicine – The Veterinary Board of Governors (Board) is considering establishing additional standards for telemedicine services.

- [CR 101 document \(PDF\)](#) – Establishes scope and describes why the board is undertaking rule-making on this topic.

The initial rule draft is not yet complete. When available, it will be posted on this page.

Humane Societies and Shelters Providing Full Veterinary Services – The board has adopted rules to implement Substitute Senate Bill. The bill allows animal care and control agencies and nonprofit humane societies to provide additional veterinary services to income-qualified households.

- [Final rule language \(PDF\)](#)

