
Washington Administrative Code Notice of Permanent Rules for **WAC 308-15-150 Geologist Fees**

This explanatory statement concerns the **Washington State Department of Licensing's adoption of WAC 308-15-150 Fees.**

The Administrative Procedure Act (RCW 34.05.325(6)) requires agencies to complete a concise explanatory statement before filing adopted rules with the Office of the Code Reviser. This statement must be provided to anyone who gave comment about the proposed rule making.

Once persons who gave comment during this rule making have had a chance to receive this document, the Department of Licensing will file the amended rules with the Office of the Code Reviser. These rule changes will become effective 31 days after filing (approximately **July 1, 2016.**

The Department of Licensing appreciates your involvement in this rule making process. If you have any questions, please contact Damon Monroe, Agency Rules Coordinator, at (360) 902-3843 or e-mail at dmonroe@dol.wa.gov.

What are the agency's reasons for adopting this rule?

The proposed rule change will extend a fee suspension in an effort to maintain a balanced budget for the Geologist licensing program. This program is required to be self-supporting and operates out of a dedicated fund. Revenue currently being generated to cover the cost of the program is sufficient with the fee suspension in place. This trend is expected to continue over the next couple of years. The suspended fees would have a positive impact on new applicants and existing licensees. This proposed rule amendment is supported by industry

Summary of all public comments received on this rule proposal and the agency's response to those comments:

In reply to the advertisement of public hearings in the Washington State Register, WSR 16-09-076, the program received six written comments; no one presented oral comments at the hearing held May 25, 2016.

Comment:

All comments were in favor of the proposed temporary fee suspension. Many were in agreement that the program should function efficiently and not collect more money than it needs to operate.

Reply:

We appreciate all of the comments we received and will continue to monitor and adjust fees as necessary.

Comment:

One comment requested that a financial statement be distributed to all licensed individuals each year.

Reply:

A copy of the Geologist Board Financial Report is typically included in the Board meeting packets located on the Geologist Board website

<http://www.dol.wa.gov/business/geologist/geoboardmtg.html>)

WAC Changes:

None