

Washington Administrative Code Notice of Permanent Rules for Real Estate Course Approval

This explanatory statement concerns the Washington State Department of Licensing's adoption of WAC 308-124H-805 Course Approval Required.

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 September 3, 2015.

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 new rule authorizes the department to specify the method for course approval application submissions. This rule resulted from a lean project undertaken to increase efficiency and reduce paper handling for both industry and the Department of Licensing. The project was supported by the real estate industry.

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

Mary Hull Drury of Washington Realtors said the Realtors were a beta tester of the change, and there was a marked improvement in overall efficiency and effectiveness. Washington Realtors supports this rule change.

WAC Changes:

((Each application for approval of a course shall be submitted to the department on the appropriate application form provided)) The course provider must submit a completed course approval application, using the method defined by the department.