

## Washington Administrative Code Notice of Permanent Rules for Landscape Architects: Do I need a stamp or seal?

**Adoption of:** WAC 308-13-055 Do I need a stamp or seal?

**Effective date:** These rule changes will become effective 31 days after filing (approximately January 21, 2017).

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### What are the agency's reasons for adopting this rule:

The Board of Licensure for Landscape Architects has approved a new stamp design that was presented by the landscape architect industry. The changes proposed to this rule would adopt the new stamp design and amend the language to state that anyone licensed after the effective date January 1, 2017 may continue to use their existing stamp.

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

In response to the advertisement of public hearings in the Washington State Register, WSR 16-19-108, the program received four written comments; no one presented oral comments at the hearing held October 26, 2016.

#### Comment:

Three comments were in favor of the change and related to the graphic design portion of the stamp specifically the tree; one of those comments also suggested language for another portion of the rule.

#### Reply:

None.

#### Comment:

One comment included multiple suggestions clarifying the language within the rule related to license renewals and whether or not a new stamp was required.

#### Reply:

Thank you for your comments. We did change some of the language, as suggested, to clarify when or if a new stamp was required. We also clarified the language regarding initial licensure and license renewals.

### Changes made to the proposed WAC as a result of public comment:

Changes made to the WAC reflect language identifying "initial" license as the license referred; and some non-substantive formatting of numbers and subcategories.

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 rulemaking.

The Department of Licensing appreciates your involvement in this rulemaking process. If you have any questions, please contact Damon Monroe, Agency Rules Coordinator, at 360-902-3843 or email [dmonroe@dol.wa.gov](mailto:dmonroe@dol.wa.gov).