



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING
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Washington Administrative Code
Notice of Permanent Rules for
The Real Estate Program

Adoption of: WAC 308-124A-700, Application for a license - Fingerprinting

Effective date: These rule changes will become effective 31 days after filing or on February 4, 2018.

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

Modify existing rule language to reflect how the program handles fingerprint cards and process

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

A Seattle native submitted written comments via email dated October 5, 2017, stating "This is discusting [sic], this opens up the agency to do discusting [sic] things, I will be there to protest this and will contact everyone I know to protest it!"

Response: The department is unclear of the stated concerns, but thanks you for your participation in this rulemaking process.

Ron Anderson submitted written comments via email dated October 6, 2017, stating that clock hour requirements must be substantially increased to at least double the current level and include basic financial planning elements geared to sellers and buyers to understand the process. Entry age must be increased to at least the age of 21. Educational levels must be at a 2 year degree minimum. Licensees must have a separate designation as to completion of classes in addition to the basic residential licensing requirements. First time licensing requirements must include the 100 level of GRI and include completing GRI 200 and 300 prior to the first renewal date. All must apply to attorneys, accountants, and anyone else seeking a real estate license. The current levels are far to lacking in professionalism. Standards are far too behind the times.

Response: The comments and concerns pertaining to licensing and education requirements are outside the scope of this rulemaking. However, the department duly notes these comments for future consideration and thanks you for your participation in this rulemaking process.

Mary Hull-Drury, representing the Washington Realtors, provided public testimony in support of the rule change.

Response: Thank you for your support and participation in this rulemaking process.

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

There are no differences between the text of the proposed rules as published in the register and the text of the rule as adopted.

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.