



CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Summary of Public Comments on WAC 246-817-150 Licenses – Persons or qualified out-of-state who are faculty at school of dentistry - Conditions
February 07, 2024

In 2023, the Washington State Legislature passed Senate Bill (SB) 5113 (chapter 89, Laws of 2023), amending RCW 18.32.195 to include any institution of higher education in Washington state accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) for faculty licensure. Prior to the passing of SB 5113, license barriers were removed only for the University of Washington faculty.

The commission amended WAC 246-817-150 to align with the recent statutory changes. The amendment removes specific references about granting licenses to University of Washington faculty and replaces this with a reference to faculty of any institution of higher education in Washington state accredited by CODA. The rule amendments implement changes in statute that will allow the commission to provide licensure through an academic pathway using a temporary permit without requiring an exam for dental practice while being employed by a Washington state CODA accredited dental school.

The commission adopted the rule at a public rules hearing held on January 19, 2024, by webinar with a physical location in Tumwater, Washington. The commission thanks everyone who participated in this rulemaking process.

The commission received two public comments at the hearing from the Washington State Dental Association (WSDA) and Dr. Andre Ritter supporting the rule and did not make any changes to the proposed rule language. The commission adopted the language as published with the Office of the Code Reviser under WSR 23-23-053 on November 07, 2023.

Please direct any questions regarding this rule adoption to Debbie Gardner at 360-236-4893 or dental@doh.wa.gov.