



RULE-MAKING ORDER

CR-103P (May 2009)
(Implements RCW 34.05.360)

Agency: Department of Revenue

Permanent Rule Only

Effective date of rule:

Permanent Rules

31 days after filing.

Other (specify) _____ (If less than 31 days after filing, a specific finding under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required and should be stated below)

Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?

Yes No If Yes, explain:

Purpose: SHB 2017, Chapter 298, Laws of 2011, transferred responsibility for the master license service (MLS) program from the Department of Licensing to the Department of Revenue, effective July 1, 2011. This program is now referred to as the business licensing service (BLS).

This legislation requires that the application and renewal handling fees be established by rule. The Department previously adopted an emergency WAC 308-300-160 to establish these fees. The Department is now adopting a permanent WAC 308-300-160, and re-codifying the rule as WAC 458-20-10101. The fee amounts are the same as reflected in the emergency rule.

Citation of existing rules affected by this order:

Amended: **WAC 308-300-160 Business licensing service—Total fee payable—Handling of fees**

Statutory authority for adoption: SHB 2017, Chapter 298, Laws of 2011 and RCW 19.02.075

Other authority :

PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 11-23-180 on November 23, 2011.

Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: **No changes**

If a preliminary cost-benefit analysis was prepared under RCW 34.05.328, a final cost-benefit analysis is available by contacting:

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**Note: If any category is left blank, it will be calculated as zero.
No descriptive text.**

**Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note.
A section may be counted in more than one category.**

The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:

Federal statute:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Federal rules or standards:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	_____	Amended	<u>1</u>	Repealed	_____

The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:

New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
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The number of sections adopted in the agency's own initiative:

New	_____	Amended	<u>1</u>	Repealed	_____
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The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:

New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
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The number of sections adopted using:

Negotiated rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Pilot rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Other alternative rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____

This rule was adopted on January 30, 2012 and becomes effective March 1, 2012. It may be used to determine tax liability on and after the effective date, until the codified version is available from the code reviser's office.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 10-13-039, filed 6/8/10, effective 7/9/10)

WAC 308-300-160 Business licensing service--Total fee payable--Handling of fees. (1) Introduction. Chapter 298, Laws of 2011, transferred responsibility for the master license service program (MLS) from the department of licensing to the department of revenue, effective July 1, 2011. This program is now referred to as the business licensing service (BLS).

Information about BLS is available on-line at <http://business.wa.gov/BLS>. If you are seeking in-person assistance, you may want to visit:

6500 Linderson Way S.W., Suite 102
Tumwater, WA 98501
8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday - Friday
(except state holidays or temporary layoff days)

The department of licensing continues to issue, renew, and regulate professional licenses, see <http://dol.wa.gov/business/>.

(2) What fee do I need to pay when applying for or renewing a license? The fee payable will be the total amount of all individual license fees, late filing fees, other penalty fees, and handling fees, and may include additional fees charged to cover credit or debit card processing. Licensing fees vary depending on the license for which you are applying. Refer to <http://bls.dor.wa.gov/specialtylicenses.aspx> for information about licenses and license fee amounts.

((+2)) (3) What does the department do with these fees? The department will distribute the fees received for individual licenses issued or renewed to the appropriate agencies on an established schedule.

((+3)) (4) When do I get my business license? The ~~((master))~~ business license will not be issued until the full amount of the total fee payable is collected. When the fee payment received is less than the total fee payable, the department will bill the applicant for the balance.

((+4)) (5) Can I get a refund? The ~~((master))~~ business license ~~((service))~~ application and renewal handling fees collected under RCW 19.02.075 are not refundable. When a license is denied or when an applicant withdraws an application, a refund of any other refundable portion of the total payment

will be made in accordance with the applicable licensing laws.

(6) What are the handling fees? The business license application handling fee amounts are:

<u>Type of handling fee:</u>	<u>Fee amount:</u>
<u>Business license application filing</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>
<u>License renewal application filing</u>	<u>\$9.00</u>

NEW SECTION

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is decodified as follows:

Old WAC Number	New WAC Number
308-300-160	458-20-10101