



EXPEDITED RULE MAKING

CR-105 (June 2024) (Implements RCW 34.05.353)

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Agency: Auditor

Title of rule and other identifying information: (describe subject)
Eliminating Unnecessary Gendered Pronouns in WAC 48-13 and 48-21.

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
By replacing gendered pronouns with specific nouns, this proposal removes ambiguity and clarifies the language without changing the effect of the rules.

Reasons supporting proposal:
The Office of the Washington State Auditor's vision is to increase trust in government. A key component of trust is clear, reliable communication. To that end, the Auditor's Office strives for clarity and plain language in all its written material. Updating the WACs governing some of the Office's operations are a natural addition to ongoing work within the Office: we strive for both inclusive and unambiguous communication, and eliminating unnecessary and/or vague pronouns promotes both.

Statutory authority for adoption:
RCW 34.05.353, RCW 42.50.100, RCW 42.56.070, RCW 42.56.120, RCW 43.09.281, RCW 43.21C.120; RCW 43.09.281, RCW 48.21.030

Statute being implemented:
none

Is rule necessary because of a:

Federal Law?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Federal Court Decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
State Court Decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

If yes, CITATION:

Name of proponent: (person or organization) Private
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 Governmental

Name of agency personnel responsible for:

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Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:

Expedited Adoption - Which of the following criteria was used by the agency to file this notice:

- Relates only to internal governmental operations that are not subject to violation by a person;
- Adopts or incorporates by reference without material change federal statutes or regulations, Washington state statutes, rules of other Washington state agencies, shoreline master programs other than those programs governing shorelines of statewide significance, or, as referenced by Washington state law, national consensus codes that generally establish industry standards, if the material adopted or incorporated regulates the same subject matter and conduct as the adopting or incorporating rule;
- Corrects typographical errors, make address or name changes, or clarify language of a rule without changing its effect;
- Content is explicitly and specifically dictated by statute;
- Have been the subject of negotiated rule making, pilot rule making, or some other process that involved substantial participation by interested parties before the development of the proposed rule; or
- Is being amended after a review under RCW 34.05.328.

Expedited Repeal - Which of the following criteria was used by the agency to file notice:

- The statute on which the rule is based has been repealed and has not been replaced by another statute providing statutory authority for the rule;
- The statute on which the rule is based has been declared unconstitutional by a court with jurisdiction, there is a final judgment, and no statute has been enacted to replace the unconstitutional statute;
- The rule is no longer necessary because of changed circumstances; or
- Other rules of the agency or of another agency govern the same activity as the rule, making the rule redundant.

Explanation of the reason the agency believes the expedited rule-making process is appropriate pursuant to RCW 34.05.353(4):

This change relates only to internal governmental operations that are not subject to violation by a person. Additionally, this change clarifies language of the rules without changing their effect..

NOTICE

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