



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)
Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Labor and Industries

Subject of possible rule making: WAC 296-15-360 Qualifications of Personnel.

Chapter 296-15 WAC governs employers who are permitted to self-insure their workers' compensation obligation pursuant to Title 51 RCW. This filing includes modifications to WAC 296-15-360. The modifications will simplify the continuing education requirements for department-approved claims administrators who choose to recertify via continuing education.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:
RCW 51.04.20, 51.14.020, 51.32.190, 51.14.090, and 51.14.095

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: In response to a petition for rulemaking, the department has agreed to modify WAC 296-15-360. The rule currently requires that a department-approved claims administrator who chooses to recertify via continuing education earn 75 continuing education credits, with a minimum number of credits in five different categories. The modified rule will still require 75 credits, but will no longer include category requirements.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:
No other state, local, or federal agency regulates this subject.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe) Labor and Industries will work with representatives of the labor and self-insured employer communities on all changes to WAC 296-15-360. A public hearing will be held in Tumwater after the proposal is filed.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:
(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

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