



RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

CR-103E (December 2017) (Implements RCW 34.05.350 and 34.05.360)

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DATE: March 26, 2020

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WSR 20-08-071

Agency: Department of Licensing

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) March 27, 2020

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

- Yes
 - No
- If Yes, explain:

Purpose: The Department of Licensing is adopting emergency rulemaking to allow for remote notarization in Washington State. This rulemaking will remain in effect for the duration of the emergency directive issued by the Governor. The department filed notice for permanent rulemaking regarding SB 5641 under WSR 20-06-073, interested stakeholders can participate in the rulemaking process for the permanent rules under that order.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

- New:
- Repealed:
- Amended: Chapter 308-30 WAC Notaries public
- Suspended:

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 42.45.250

Other authority: Proclamation by the Governor 20-27 Electronic Notary Effective Date

EMERGENCY RULE

Under RCW 34.05.350 the agency for good cause finds:

- That immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the public interest.
- That state or federal law or federal rule or a federal deadline for state receipt of federal funds requires immediate adoption of a rule.

Reasons for this finding: The emergency rule is to decrease in-person notarization to assist with COVID-19 response efforts, allowing remote notarization in Washington State.

**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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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	<u>1</u>	Amended	___	Repealed	___

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

New 1 Amended Repealed

The number of sections adopted on the agency's own initiative:


New Amended Repealed

The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:

New Amended Repealed

The number of sections adopted using:

Negotiated rule making:	New	<u> </u>	Amended	<u> </u>	Repealed	<u> </u>
Pilot rule making:	New	<u> </u>	Amended	<u> </u>	Repealed	<u> </u>
Other alternative rule making:	New	<u> </u>	Amended	<u> </u>	Repealed	<u> </u>

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